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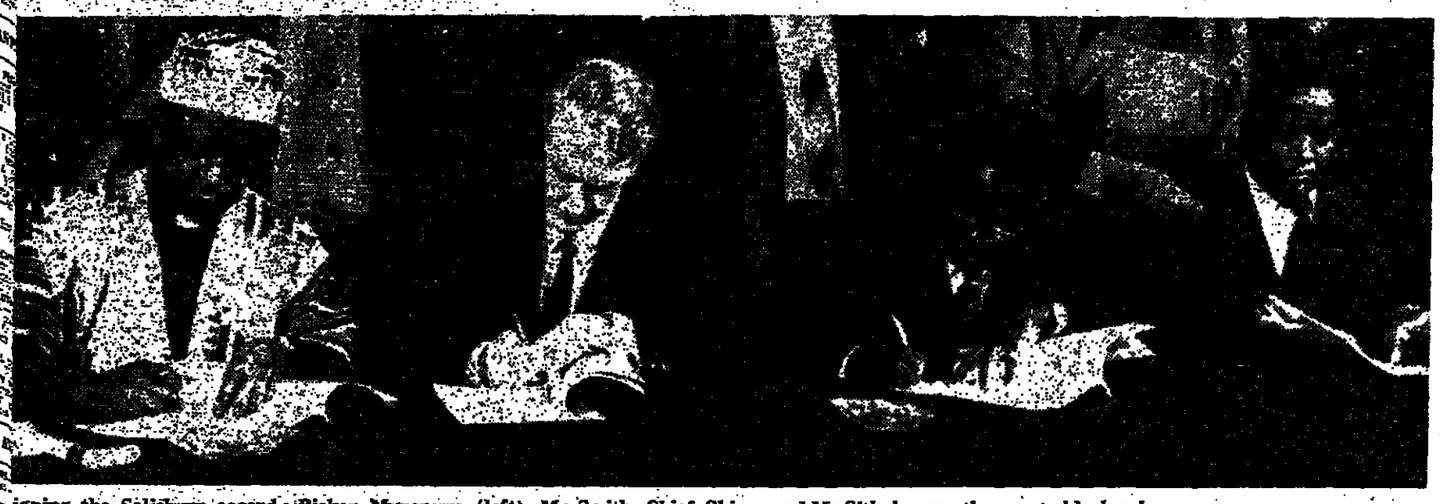
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Accord on black majority government to end 13 years of Smith rule

Mr Ian Smith and three black nationalist leaders yesterday igned their internal settlement pact, intended to bring black majority rule to Rhodesia by December 31 this year. After igning the agreement Bishop Muzorewa left for London, where he is to meet Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary on Monday. The Patriotic Front, fighting guerrilla warfare against the Smith Government, condemned the pact. The Security Council is to meet next week to discuss the plans.



igning the Salisbury accord: Bishop Muzorewa (left), Mr Smith, Chief Chirau and Mr Sithole pave the way to black rule.

Equal responsibility for four chairmen during transition

rom Nicholas Ashford
alisbury, March 3

With a portrait of Cecil hodes staring quizzically down pon them, Mr Ian Smith, the hodesian Prime Minister, and hree internally-based black eaders today signed a consti utional agreement which will ransform white Rhodesia into lack Zimbabwe by the end f this year.

The six-page document em races separate agreements on he composition of a transi ional government, the frame work of a one-man one-vote onstitution with built-in safe uards for Rhodesia's 260,000 hites for up to 10 years, and n outline for a restructured efence force.

It also decrees that indepen lence day will be 31 December, 978. Mr Smith will retain his onstitutional position as the lected Prime Minister of the country during the transitional eriod, although he will act as ne among four equals with the lack leaders who will jointly comprise the Executive Council the transitional administra ion.

The existing white-dominated arliament will continue to unction during the life of the ransitional government and vill retain its sovereign powers.

The agreement was signed at 10.20 am during a brief cere mony in the palatial red brick ivil service training centre here the talks have been aking place for the past three onths.

While a crowd of journalists ooked on, the accord was igned by the four leaders—Mr mith; Bishop Abel Muzorewa, leader of the United African National Council (UANC); the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole, president of the African National Council (Sithole); and Chief Jeremiah Chirau, head of the Zimbabwe United People's Organization (Zupo). They all hope their agreement will bring peace, win international recognition and end economic sanctions.

There were hugs and handshakes and brief applause after the agreement was signed. Dr Elliott Gabellah, vice-president of the ANC (Sithole), smiling broadly and with a large meerschaum pipe in his mouth, clasped Mr David Smith, the Deputy Prime Minister, by the hand and said: "Well done, David, well done." Even Mr Smith, who is not normally given to outward displays of emotion, looked reasonably happy.

Addresing a press conference after the signing ceremony Bishop Muzorewa, who was wearing a brilliant black, white and blue striped Liberian *boubou* over his clerical robes, said the agreement marked the end of Rhodesia's 13-year-old unilateral declaration of independence (UDI).

"This is no longer UDI", he declared, "but an agreement by the people who represent all black Rhodesians as well as whites." He thought the agreement would encourage those guerrillas who were fighting for the liberation of the country to lay down their arms and come back to support the government of the people.

Mr Sithole, speaking at the same joint press conference, was convinced the war would now end. "I know for sure the guerrillas will come back home. They will lay down their arms." Mr Smith, however, was more sceptical, remarking: "We will have to go on fighting if the fighting goes on."

A sour note was struck soon after the agreement was signed by Mr Josiah Chinamano, head of the ANC (Zimbabwe) which is the internal wing of Mr Joshua Nkomo's Zapu organization, now fighting a guerrilla war against Mr Smith's Government. He described the accord as "the work of Satan" and a "prescription for a bloodbath".

No peace was possible, he said, without involving the Patriotic Front, of which Mr Nkomo is co-leader. Today's agreement, instead of ending the war, would worsen it and "prolong the agony of our people", he added.

The agreement contains no real surprises, as most of its details had leaked out during the weeks of negotiation. However, a number of points remain undecided. It gives the impression of having been hastily drawn up so that it could be signed by Bishop Muzorewa before he flew to London.

The bishop left for Britain this afternoon and is due to have talks with Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, on Monday.

The transitional government will comprise an upper-tier Executive Council and a lower-tier Ministerial Council. The government will be formed later this month once Bishop Muzorewa has returned from overseas.

The Executive Council will be composed of "the Prime Minister and three black ministers", being the heads of the three black delegations. The four will take it in turn to act as chairman of the Council.

Significantly the decisions of the Executive Council will be by consensus. This was a condition insisted on by Mr Smith.

The Council will take policy decisions in connexion with the preparation of the new constitution and the holding of majority rule elections. It will also be responsible for arranging a ceasefire, restructuring the security forces, the release of detainees and reviewing the sentences of political prisoners.

The Executive Council will also review decisions made by the Ministerial Council and has the power to refer them back to the Ministerial Council. It will in effect be the body responsible for running the country during the transitional period.

The Ministerial Council will be composed of an equal number of black and white ministers. The black ministers will be nominated by the three black leaders and the whites by the Prime Minister. A black and a white minister will share responsibility for each portfolio. Chairmanship of the Council will alternate between black and white ministers.

The present Parliament, consisting of 50 white Rhodesian Front members and 16 black independents, will continue to function until independence elections are held. During this period it will have to perform six important tasks.

These are: To pass a constitution amendment Act enabling ministers who have not been elected to Parliament to serve for periods in excess of four months; to pass legislation for the registration of voters; to approve the 1978/79 budget; to enact legislation brought forward by the transitional government; to enact the new constitution; and to nominate 16 whites for election by common roll voters to eight of the 28 seats to be reserved for whites in the future legislative assembly.

The agreement makes no direct reference to the role of Mr Smith as Prime Minister. Asked whether he would effectively be stepping down, Mr Smith replied: "You cannot get away from the fact that the present Parliament was elected under this constitution and the present Parliament has nominated me as its leader. In that capacity I am Prime Minister."

But he did not believe he would have to resume his responsibilities of Prime Minister during the transitional period. All four members of the Executive Council would be of equal importance, he said.

The agreement is deliberately vague about the future of the armed forces.

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Africans call Security Council talks

From Our Own Correspondent
New York, March 3

The Security Council will meet early next week to discuss Mr Smith's proposed Rhodesia settlement. African members have asked Mr Ivor Richard, of Britain—this month's Council president—to call the meeting, which could embarrass Britain.

The Africans want to condemn outright the internal settlement. This is much further than Britain and the United States are prepared to go, though they would not want to be forced to use a veto against such a resolution. Waldheim view: Dr Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General, said that the agreement signed in Salisbury did not solve Rhodesia's problems. He predicted the guerrilla war would go on.—Reuter.

Dr Owen urges leaders to put case at UN

By David Spanier
Diplomatic Correspondent

Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, continued to take a cautious line on the Rhodesian settlement yesterday. Although he had previously welcomed the agreement as "very significant" in a television interview, there was no official comment from the Foreign Office.

A clearer pointer to the Government's hopes, not to say relief, after the progress made in Salisbury, may be seen in the messages sent yesterday by Dr Owen to Bishop Abel Muzorewa and the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole, on one side, and to Mr Joshua Nkomo and Mr Robert Mugabe, the leaders of the Patriotic Front, on the other.

Dr Owen's message was to urge the Africans to go to New York, if there is a Security Council debate on Rhodesia, and put their point of view. In other words, if the Africans stand up for the agreement they have made, which is after all their responsibility, that will be fine with Britain; and, if the Patriotic Front opposes the agreement, it is better it should do so publicly, for the rest of the world to judge.

Mr Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, has not been invited to New York because his presence would be unacceptable while Rhodesia remains technically in a state of rebellion. The third African leader who signed the agreement, Chief Jeremiah Chirau, has not been invited either, because he does not have the same standing as his colleagues. Further details of the agreement will be given by Bishop Muzorewa when he arrives in London this weekend to see Dr Owen.

In his remarks on television, Dr Owen said he thought the internal settlement was the start, but not the end, of the process of achieving black majority rule. It was now necessary to widen the agreement by trying to bring in the Patriotic Front. It the Front's leaders did not come in, it would be very serious, because the guerrilla war would continue.

Dr Owen said he was not bothered about the Africans' opposition to Lord Carver as Commissioner-designate in the transitional period. He had never been "very keen" that Britain should administer the country, he added.

In general, Dr Owen's view is that Mr Smith has conceded all the main points on which he refused to move—notably majority rule based on one man one vote, in open elections—when they met last April.

It is particularly important that Mr Smith has accepted that the Patriotic Front leaders should be free to return to Rhodesia to fight the election. If they refuse, that is their business; but it could hardly be a ground for withholding British support for the agreement, if elections open to all are held.

Our Political Correspondent writes: In Cardiff last night, Dr Owen said there was a grave danger that, through over-hasty responses to the challenges of immigration at home, and racial discrimination in southern Africa, Britain would cease to be taken seriously as a source of political and moral leadership in the world.

"The rights of black and brown people here need safeguarding. . . . In a future majority-rule Zimbabwe, there will need to be arrangements to guarantee the democratic freedoms of the white minority in that country."

That was why, he said, he had always stood for an amnesty in a future Zimbabwe. "A responsible British Government must be fair and even-handed towards ethnic minorities in Britain and in safeguarding white minorities in Rhodesia."

Indian ban, page 5

Two killed by IRA men in rag day disguise

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

The recent disturbing increase in Provisional IRA violence continued in Northern Ireland yesterday when a British soldier and a woman member of the civilian search unit were shot dead in one of the most macabre terrorist incidents ever witnessed in Belfast.

Both murders were carried out by three Provisional IRA gunmen in wigs and fancy dress, who used the carnival atmosphere of Queen's University rag day to mingle unnoticed with the afternoon shopping crowds near the city centre.

According to people present, the three gunmen were disguised as Arabs, as they approached one of the many security gates that surround the main shopping precinct. After engaging in the traditional rag day sport of mock flour battles with passers-by, one of the men produced a pistol and shot the soldier through the head. Another bullet hit the uniformed woman searcher.

The dead man was Trooper James Nowosad, aged 21, married, from Scotland, serving with the 4th Royal Tank Regiment, based in the centre of Belfast for a four-month period.

The woman who was killed was Miss Norma Spence, aged 25, of Belfast. In the past the IRA has threatened the search unit, which employs about four hundred guards in the Belfast area.

At the time of the shooting rag day celebrations were reaching a climax. About 2,000 students were noisily thronging the city collecting for charity, dressed in a variety of outlandish costumes. Less then 20 minutes after the attack their annual procession passed the spot where it had taken place, but the chanting students were oblivious of the murders.

After firing about five shots, the terrorists made their way down a side street and into a car which had been hijacked earlier in a republican area. A soldier fired at them, but none was believed to have been hit.

The double murder came at a tense period in Ulster when "loyalist" discontent with the Government's security policy has reached a peak not experienced since the abortive strike last year.

It brought the number of soldiers and policemen killed by the IRA over a four-day period to three, the highest rate achieved by the terrorists against the security forces for many months.

Inevitably, it will add significance to the emergency debate on Northern Ireland security due to be held in the House of Commons on Monday.

The university rag committee expressed horror at what was described as "the disgraceful and disgusting" double murder. Sales of the rag magazine have been halted for 48 hours as a mark of respect, and when they resume the sellers will no longer wear fancy dress.

The two killings came only a few hours after the funeral of Constable Charles Simpson, the first of the week's IRA victims, who was shot in an ambush in Londonderry on Tuesday night.

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British Airways Concordes have cracks in wings

Hairline cracks have been discovered on the outer parts of the wings of British Airways Concordes. But the airline said last night that the five supersonic jets would continue flying.

"The cracks are minute, about two to three inches long, and were discovered two or three weeks ago during routine checks. There is nothing dangerous at all and the cracks will be repaired during routine maintenance in the next few weeks."

The British Aircraft Corporation may repair two of the aircraft.

British Airways said the Concorde service would carry on as usual.

Engineers threaten two-day stoppage

Engineering union leaders are to call a two-day strike later this month after the failure of pay negotiations, which have been going on for several months. The Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service, which has intervened in the dispute, has seen the employers' side and is to meet the unions on Monday. The employers are willing to continue talks but insist that no agreement should expose firms to government sanctions Page 3

State borrowing needs halved

Public sector borrowing for the first nine months of the present financial year was £3,610m, against the last official forecast for the whole year of £7,500m. Treasury estimates are now believed to have been revised to below £6,000m. Underspending by local authorities and government departments is among the reasons for the reduction Page 19

Parents triumph in school battle

A campaign by parents has forced the authorities of North Rhine-Westphalia to scrap plans for semi-comprehensive schools. The parents collected 3,640,000 signatures to a formal petition, 200,000 more than the minimum needed to compel the state government to drop a law or hold a full referendum on it Page 4

Moves to assist kidney patients

Steps to encourage doctors, especially hospital doctors, to cooperate with transplant surgeons by ensuring an increased supply of kidneys, were outlined in the Commons by Mr Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services

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West Indies, after bowling out Australia for 90 were 11 runs behind with all their wickets in hand after the opening day of the first Test at Port of Spain. Croft took four wickets for 15 and Garner three for 35 Page 17

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A Japanese government pledge to restrain car exports to Britain was handed to the British Embassy in Tokyo, after demands from Britain that the Japanese share of the market be held to below 10 per cent this year Page 19

Killing dolphins does not pay

The Japanese fishermen who slaughtered more than 1,000 dolphins last week provoking an international outcry, have lost £45,000 on the operation despite a bounty of £6 for each dolphin killed 5

Discovery must get new owner

The Ministry of Defence is looking for a new owner for HMS Discovery, the ship that took Scott to the Antarctic in 1901. It is ready to give her to anyone who seems capable of preserving her Page 3

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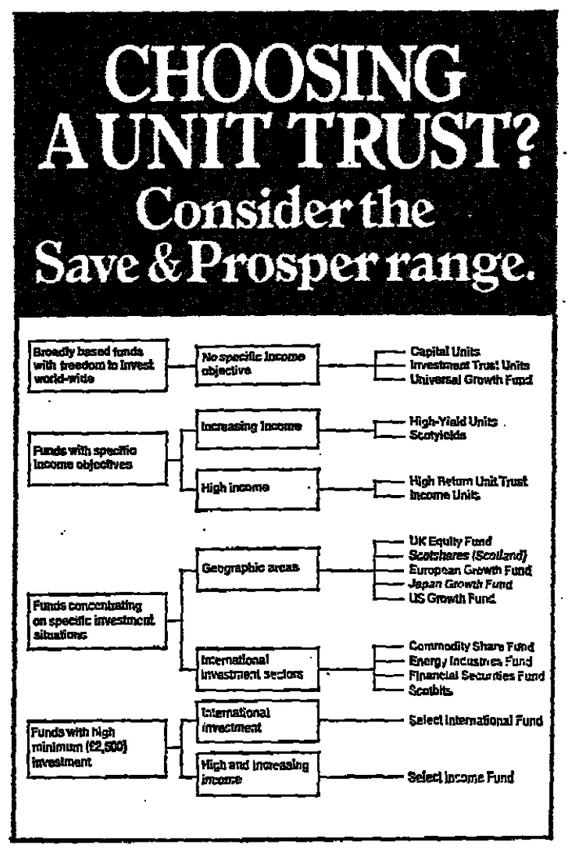
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Labour take heart from Ilford swing and attack spreading of 'fear and prejudice'

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

After the Conservative victory in the Redbridge, Ilford, North, by-election, with a 6.9 per cent swing from Labour, Mr Callaghan last night described the Conservative call to the nation as "a mixture of fear and prejudice".

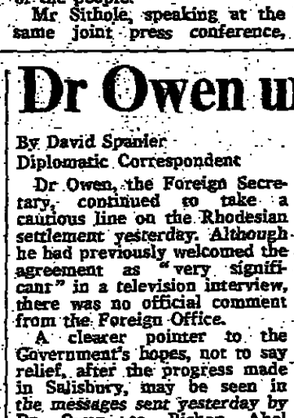
Thursday's by-election gave Mr Vivian Bendall a majority of 5,497 votes over Mrs Tessa Jowell, the Labour candidate. The Liberals scraped into third place, 122 votes ahead of the National Front candidate. Both lost their deposits.

Mr Callaghan spoke last night to the Rhondda Valley Labour Party at Penrhys but gave no hint about the timing of the general election.

The result at Ilford was seen by many Labour MPs as an indication that, with substantial benefits to taxpayers in the April Budget and an effective counter-attack against the Conservatives on immigration and economic policy, the party could win an autumn election.

Realistic Conservative MPs acknowledged that the 6.9 per cent swing in the run-up to a general election was something of a warning to them, in spite of the immediate rejoicing about a Labour majority of 778 being turned into a Conservative one of more than 5,000.

Conservative Party managers, encouraged by some opinion polls, had expected a bigger slump in the Labour vote. Experience has shown that a swing of just under 7 per cent, coming six or perhaps nine months before a general election, is reversible. Electioneering can be expected to dominate activities at Westminster from now on.



Mrs Thatcher leaving her London home yesterday. She praised the Tory success

Mr Callaghan said in Wales that people were beginning to see that the Labour Government's policy of building partnerships in the common interest was the way out of present difficulties.

Four years ago, he said, when the Conservative Government left office, serious commentators were asking whether Britain was any longer governable. The Conservatives' ineptitude and lack of understanding had reduced the country to that state.

Labour had proved that Britain was governable, but the Conservatives were at it again. "Their call to the nation is a mixture of fear and prejudice", the Prime Minister said.

"They divide society so that those who draw social security are called scroungers, redundancy payments are for shirkers, trade unionists are dictators, and the blacks are swamping us."

If the Government made tax reductions, then it was a bribe. If the Government did not make tax reductions, then the Tories said that the Government wanted to crush people.

"And every half-truth and prejudice is pandered to by the same wiseacres of the Tory press who, four years ago, were asking whether Britain was governable."

The Prime Minister defended the Government's record in saving hundreds of thousands of jobs. Those workers would have

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Search widens for stolen Chaplin coffin

From Our Correspondent
Geneva, March 3

The Swiss police issued a notification through Interpol today of the search for the coffin with Sir Charles Chaplin's remains which was stolen from the Corsier-sur-Vevey cemetery early yesterday.

Several people have supplied the police with details that in retrospect appear suspicious. One man says that shortly after midnight he heard a noise like that of a pickaxe from the cemetery.

The Chaplin family have not yet had any communication from those responsible for the theft. But Mr Jean-Daniel Tenthorey, the investigating magistrate, is not excluding the possibility that Lady Chaplin may receive a ransom demand for the body.

Another possibility is "an act by a fanatical group of admirers". There is some speculation that admirers might be trying to smuggle the remains into England.

Mr Tenthorey was in touch today with Mr Frederick Sands, author of a book on the Chaplins published last year, which mentioned Sir Charles as having once expressed the wish to be buried in England.

Mr Sands contacted the police last night to tell them of letters he has received

Tea blenders cut price of popular brands by 2p

By Hugh Clayton

Tea blenders tried to fend off Government intervention yesterday by announcing imminent price cuts. The Department of Prices and Consumer Protection said, however, that it still intended to impose legal price ceilings next week.

Wholesale prices of the most popular national brands sold in packets will be cut by 2p a ¼lb on Monday. The cuts will apply to almost half of the tea drunk in Britain. The brands are Co-operative 99, Lyons, Typhoo and Brooke Bond.

The department would not say whether the cuts were adequate. It has been seeking the 5p cut to 22p for a ¼lb or less that was called for by the Price Commission last month. The order will be made under section two of the Prices Act, 1974.

Czech cosmonaut greeted with hugs in Salyut

Moscow, March 3.—A Czechoslovak cosmonaut and his Soviet commander today docked their Soyuz 28 ferry craft with the manned orbiting station Salyut 6, Tass reported.

Captain Vladimir Remek, aged 29, the first spaceman from a country other than the United States or the Soviet Union, and Colonel Alexei Gubarev, linked up with Salyut as its two-man crew were about to break the American-held world record for space endurance.—84 days.

Colonel Yuri Romanenko and Mr Georgy Grechko have been on board the 19-ton station since December 11.

Soviet television in a broadcast carried by East European stations, showed colour film of the Soyuz 28 crew emerging from an airlock hatch on Salyut 6 to be greeted with hugs fro mthe other cosmonauts.

"We are happy to welcome you aboard and invite you to break bread and take salt with us", Colonel Romanenko told the new arrivals. The docking took place at 5.10 pm (GMT)

The Soyuz 28 crew is the second to visit Salyut 6. Two cosmonauts spent five days with Colonel Romanenko and Mr Grechko in January.—Reuter.

HOME NEWS

Nearly half of Ilford's Labour defectors were influenced by immigration, opinion poll suggests

By Ian Bradley

Nearly half the voters who switched from Labour to Conservative in the Redbridge, Ilford, North, by-election on Thursday were influenced by the recent debate on immigration, according to a poll by Independent Television News and Opinion Research Centre.

The poll, which was taken as people went to vote, revealed that only 29 per cent of all voters were influenced by the immigration debate. However, 43 per cent of those who moved from Labour to Conservative said that it had influenced their voting.

When asked what particularly attracted them about the Conservatives, defectors from Labour put policy on immigration and prices first, followed by education and law and order. Defectors from the Liberals put law and order first, followed by prices and then immigration.

The poll shows that the Conservatives were more successful in gaining both Liberal and Labour votes than in other recent by-elections. Out of every four voters who left Labour, three went to the Conservatives.

In other by-elections a higher proportion of Labour defectors have voted for the National Front and other fringe parties. Three out of every four voters who left the Liberals also went to the Conservatives.

The poll shows that 73 per cent of Liberals who switched their vote disapproved of the Liberal pact with the Government, according to the poll more than two thirds of the National Front vote was male and middle-aged.

ILFORD, NORTH, RESULT

V. Bendall (C)	22,548
T. Jowell (Lab)	17,051
J. Freeman (L)	2,248
J. Hughes (Nat Front)	2,126
T. Iremonger (C Ind Dem)	671
C. Rowe (E London People's Front)	89
A. Burr (New Britain)	48
W. Boaks (Public Safety)	38
C majority	5,497
Electorate: 65,709.	

	1978	October 1974	Change
Lab	38.0%	42.6%	−4.5%
C	50.4%	40.8%	+9.5%
L	5.0%	16.6%	−11.6%
Nat Front	4.7%	—	—
C Ind Dem	1.5%	—	—
E Ldn People Front	0.2%	—	—
White Resident	0.1%	—	—
New Britain	0.1%	—	—
Poll	68.2%	74.4%	−6.2%
Electorate	65,709	65,195	+514

All candidates except C and Lab lost their deposits.

General election: Mrs M. Miller (Lab), 20,621; Mr T. Iremonger (C), 19,843; Mr G. Wilson (L), 8,080. Lab majority, 778.

Higher deposits urged: Sir Harold Wilson yesterday proposed that parliamentary candidates' election deposits should be increased from £150 to £1,250 so that Communists and the National Front would find it more difficult to field candidates and claim television broadcasting time during campaigns.

He said that in every election until they got discouraged in 1974, the Communists fielded 50 candidates because, under broadcasting rules, that entitled them to five minutes of free broadcasting time. "In the past five general elections the Communists have hardly saved a single deposit."

Sir Harold, speaking at a Dudley constituency Labour Party dinner, said there was a more serious menace. "The National Front have announced that they will run 500 candidates."

That would entitle them to a full party political broadcast at peak broadcasting time during an election.

"The National Front, whose arithmetic is better than their political arguments, have calculated that for £75,000 of forfeited deposits, a full-dress party broadcast is cheap at the price", he said.

How they called it a day for mothers

By Alan Hamilton

A newsagent in Bromley, Kent, no doubt anxious to dispose of his surplus stock of Christmas chocolates, has been informing his customers that, by a happy coincidence, Mother's Day falls on a Sunday this year.

Not since Good Friday fell on a Wednesday, and Pancake Tuesday on a Saturday afternoon has Mother's Day fallen on anything other than Mothering Sunday which, for those with mothers, is tomorrow.

The modern Mother's Day is something of a forced bloom, being of twentieth-century American origin. It continues to be the second most profitable event in the greetings card manufacturer's year, elbowing St Valentine into third place and proving that love of one's mother still tugs the heart more strongly than love of one's lover.

The greetings card and flowers-by-post trade owes a debt to Miss Anna M. Jarvis, of Philadelphia, never a mother herself, who founded the American Mother's Day movement in 1907, and pestered Congress to declare a day of acknowledgment and intercession for mothers.

President Woodrow Wilson relented in 1914 with the remark: "The flag is never used in a more beautiful and sacred cause than when flying above that tender, gentle army, the mothers of America."

Miss Jarvis was not being altogether original; indeed, her idea of one day in the year devoted to mothers has been likened to a day's holiday for pit ponies. There is more to it than that.

Mothering Sunday is in fact Mid-Lent Sunday, commemorating the breaking of the fast of the multitude by the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Those who keep Lent have long used it as a legitimate excuse for a little spree in the middle of four weeks of self denial. Indeed, an old English term for the day is Refreshment Sunday.

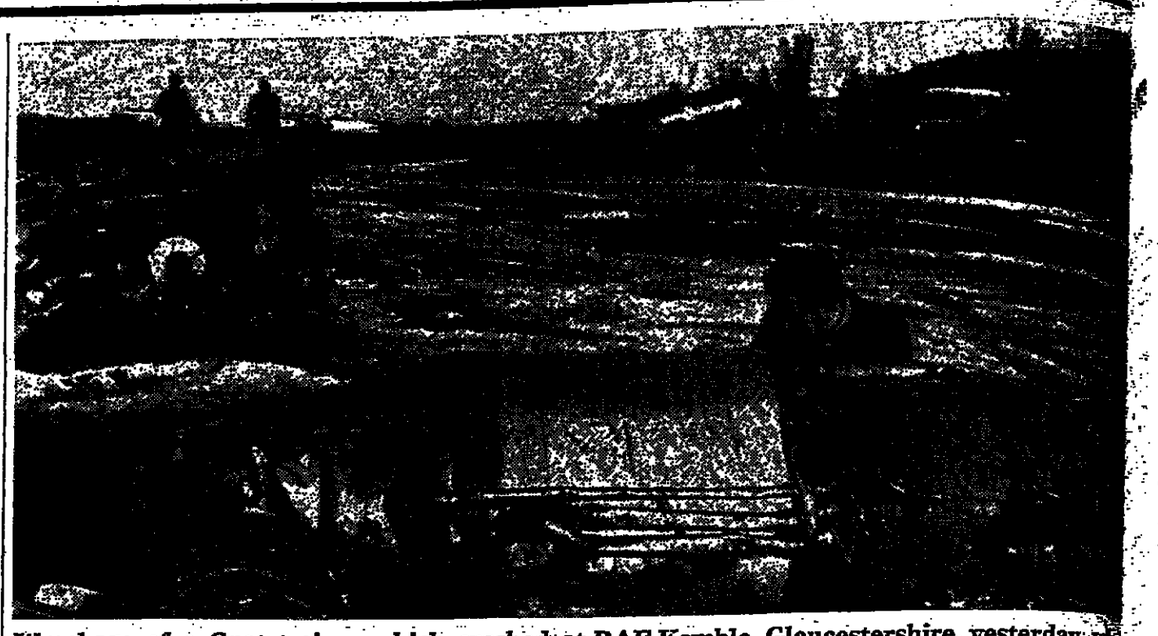
How mothers came into the picture is a little obscure. There is some slight connexion with the pagan feast day of the Mother of the Gods, and a rather stronger one with the old Christian practice of visiting the local cathedral, or mother church, on that day.

By the seventeenth century the day had evolved into a traditional holiday for young people in domestic service to return home to see their mothers bearing small gifts, often flowers picked on the way.

It has, too, in its time been called Wafering Sunday, after wafer cakes offered by children to their mothers, and Furmety or Frumenty Sunday, after a cross between soup and pudding, a dish of hulled wheat, milk and cinnamon, which should not, according to custom, be eaten until the lips have uttered some wise saw, preferably a proverb of King Solomon.

But simnel cakes are most associated with Mothering Sunday, cakes of finest flour originating in Lancashire, commemorating the banquet given by Joseph to his brethren, at which Benjamin's helping was five times bigger than anyone else's.

Another Mothering Sunday custom that seems to have been largely forgotten is "clipping the church", in which clergy, choir and congregation filed out in procession, linked hands and circled the building while singing a hymn.



Wreckage of a Gnat trainer which crashed at RAF Kemble, Gloucestershire, yesterday, while rehearsing with the Red Arrows display team. Flight Lieutenant Stephen Noble, the pilot, and Wing Commander Dennis Hazell, former team leader, died.

Aim to help those once mentally ill

By Pat Healy
Social Services Correspondent

A drive for legislation to protect former mental patients against discrimination in jobs is to be launched by the Mind campaign after an industrial tribunal ruling in an unfair dismissal case.

In a reserved judgment the tribunal ruled that the Prudential Assurance Company did not unfairly dismiss Mr Henry O'Brien when it discovered he had not disclosed his medical history.

Mr O'Brien decided yesterday to appeal to the industrial court. Mind will again represent him. The organization sees it as a test case for the thousands of former psychiatric patients seeking employment each year.

Mr Clifford (Tony) Smythe, director of Mind, said last night: "This judgment is an incentive to employers to continue discriminating against former mental patients. Mr O'Brien did not disclose his medical history because he had spent nearly a year being turned down for jobs when he did."

Mind will be pursuing a campaign to get laws similar to those operating in the United States passed in Britain. In America former medical patients are not obliged to disclose their medical history if a doctor certifies that the illness is unlikely to recur. The legislation protects former mental patients from dismissal if they do not disclose their previous history.

Mr O'Brien had been working successfully for the Prudential for nearly a year befort it disclosed when he applied for a life insurance policy.

The Prudential welcomed the decision yesterday. It said that while sympathetic to Mr O'Brien, it considered his medical history was inconsistent with employment as an insurance agent.

Representatives of Mind will be seeking an early meeting with Mr Booth, Secretary of State for Employment, to discuss the matter. It has compiled a dossier of 47 similar cases, two thirds of them in the public sector.

Complaint voiced on school for blind

By Diana Geddes
Education Correspondent

At least nine inspectors are to be involved in an investigation into complaints by parents about the curriculum and conduct of Linden Lodge School, a boarding school for blind and partially sighted children in Wimbledon, London, a meeting of the school's governors was told yesterday. The forthcoming investigation was mentioned in *The Times* yesterday.

Mr Wilfred Brennan, assistant education officer for special education with the Inner London Education Authority, and Dr Maria Roe, an ILEA staff inspector for special education, who is in charge of the investigation, told the governors that they expected that a final report on the results of the investigation might be ready by the late summer.

It is not yet known whether the report will be made public. Mr Brennan has said, however, that the governors will be able "to observe and comment on the report in discussion and to record their views [to Mr Peter Newsam, chief education officer of the ILEA] in the minutes of the meeting".

If the governors were dissatisfied with the result of the investigation they could pass resolutions in which they could "direct attention to the area of dissatisfaction", Mr Brennan said in a letter to one of the governors last week.

Linden Lodge is one of five schools for the blind and partially sighted run by the ILEA. It has about a hundred children aged from five to 16, some two thirds of whom come from other authorities areas. The cost a pupil is £4,900 a year.

At yesterday's meeting the governors were given an interim oral report by Dr Roe on the form and progress of the investigation, but were told nothing about any findings. Statements containing complaints about the school were read out, including two from parents of pupils at the school who are also governors.

One was from Mrs Mary Packer, in which she expressed in general terms her concern about the curriculum and standards. The other, from Mr Robert Hicks caused uproar.

A letter dated November 4, 1977, from Mrs Teresa Carter, the mother of two former pupils at the school and a former governor, expressing her concern about "the general educational and social direction of Linden Lodge" was also read out. It was that letter that led to the investigation into the school.

In it Mrs Carter said that she and her husband had seriously considered taking their son, aged 15, away from the school. "He seemed to be standing still educationally and withdrawing socially.

They had changed their minds, however, because "in his last year at school he came under the particular care of Miss Row (a teacher at Linden Lodge), and the transformation in his progress has been dramatic".

Mrs Carter told *The Times* that her son, who is partially sighted, was not taught to read print during his seven years at the school. It had never even told her that her son had enough residual sight to be able to make use of a visual aid. Since he left last summer, however, they had got an aid and he was now able to read a newspaper, she said.

In her letter of last November Mrs Carter said that teaching and welfare staff at the school had approached her as governor and expressed concern about the school.

The governors also heard yesterday a letter dated December 2, 1977, from Mr Kevin Mulhern, a teacher at the school for four years until his resignation last December and himself partially sighted, in which he wrote that he was one of the staff who had approached Mrs Carter.

Governmen aims to keep down house price

By Margaret Stone

Mr Shore, Secretary of S for the Environment, yeste made clear that the Governm is determined that house p should not get out of co as they did in 1972-73.

"In the light of growing c cern about the current trend said yesterday: "The Gov ment has a legitimate respo bility on behalf of all those are moving in the house-buy market to see that prices do rise to an unacceptable le a rate which is faster than the circumstances really j rant."

He said the latest inform was that prices of second houses were rising at an an rate of 13 per cent and t of new houses at an annual approaching a fifth.

"If this momentum wer continue and to be repeate a national pattern in all t of housing, in all parts of country and for the mo ahead, the result would be fewer people would be abl be home-owners."

On Thursday the Governm discussed with building so leaders the possibility of re ing the societies' target l ing from £700m to £90 month. The proposal will considered by the council of Building Societies Associa next Thursday.

Police search continues for drugs ring

By Our Crime Reporter

Police officers investigati drugs ring are understoo have gone to Europe aft tip-off from sources in the Country.

In the past few days £15 is believed to have recovered from a secret hi place and further searches due to take place this week

It is understood that reg crime squads in southern Eng have been given search warr and further discoveries ma made during the weekend.

Mrs Thatcher hails Tory victory

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been thrown on the scrap heap if there had been a Tory government carrying out its threat to get rid of all grants and subsidies.

"Ask the textile workers, the clothing workers, the footwear workers, or those in coal, the railways, shipbuilding or many working in private industry whether they agree with Sir Keith Joseph that all subsidies and grants are harmful. What a witches' brew for industrial and social chaos!"

That comment was echoed in other Labour speeches yesterday. The Labour leaders drew the conclusion from the Ilford result that the racial issue, raised so dramatically by Mrs Thatcher, was not, as it turned out, uppermost in the minds of most electors.

Mr Rees, Home Secretary, told a Leeds audience last night that the by-election had shown the smallest anti-Labour swing in a by-election for two years and the second smallest swing of the 18 by- elections in the present Parliament.

Labour was climbing back in the standing of the electorate, he claimed, "as the real improvement in the economy leads to a recovery of living standards".

Ilford had disclosed that Mrs Tatcher's "vague and emotional appeal" to people's basest fears on immigration and law and order had had an influence, but the voters were concerned about many other issues, including the state of the economy, which was improving.

Mr Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, speaking in Dereham, Norfolk, made the same point. "The reason the more emotive issues were wheeled out by the Tories in Ilford is clear: they do not want the people to think about the progress which is possible if Labour carries on, and the disruption and turmoil which is bound to flow from a Conservative victory at the general election", he said.

Mr Steel, the Liberal leader, put a grave face on the Liberals' poor showing. "We knew we were on a hiding to nothing at Ilford", he said. "It was the classic squeeze on the Liberal vote. Results like this before have not stopped us doing well at subsequent general elections."

He said the by-election had no bearing on the ending of the pact with Labour.

"Very good result": Mrs Thatcher, the Conservative leader, said on arrival at Conservative Central Office yesterday that the Ilford victory was "a very good result for us" (the Press Association reports).

"They threw into the by-election everything they have, a Cabinet minister a day, the single-figure inflation press conference, but still we won and we did not just win, we won well.

"This must be thoroughly demoralizing for the Government and in this kind of atmosphere the Government can start to crumble. But Mr Callaghan still has the element of surprise in calling a general election. We must not let ourselves be taken by surprise."

Earlier, asked on BBC radio news what part immigration had played, Mrs Thatcher replied: "Not a tremendously significant part. I think what it has shown is that we are prepared to speak out and tackle difficult issues."

"With a very good result like this, of course the Prime Minister will not be anxious to go to the country because he would be a sure loser." Mrs Thatcher thought Mr Callaghan would be tempted to cling on.

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Scots bench to study judgment in 1959 contempt case involving newspaper

The High Court in Edinburgh decided yesterday that a case involving an alleged contempt of court by the *Daily Mail* should be heard by a larger bench of judges so that judgment in a 1959 contempt case could be studied.

Lord Emslie said there were reasons that would justify another look at the previous judgment, Stirling v Associated Newspapers.

In yesterday's case Associated Newspapers, owners of the *Daily Mail*, Mr David English, the editor, and Mr Peter Davenport and Mr Frank Thompson, journalists, were accused of committing contempt and interfering with the course of justice.

The court dismissed the petition so far as it applied to Mr English, Mr Davenport and Mr Thompson, and agreed that Mr Peter Clowes, Northern editor of the *Daily Mail*, should take the place of Mr English in the petition.

Archibald Thomas Hall, aged 53, alleged in the petition that a report in the newspaper on January 19 might have created impressions that would seriously prejudice his trial.

The petition, alleging that the *Daily Mail* report constituted "a gross interference with the course of justice", stated that Mr Hall was detained by the police on January 16 in connexion with investigations into the killing of Donald Hall, whose body was found in the boot of a car at North Berwick, Lothian.

On January 19 the *Daily Mail*, edited by Mr English, published an article written by Mr Davenport and Mr Thompson, the petition said. The article, together with a photograph of Mr Walter Scott-Elliot, the former Labour MP, with his wife Dorothy, covered the whole front page and continued on page three.

Mr Kenneth Cameron, QC, for Associated Newspapers, submitted that Mr Hall had not been charged at the time of publication and that consequently there had been no contempt. Much information published in the newspaper came from press conferences held by two police forces.

The story had begun south of the border, and information had been given by the English police two days before a press conference held jointly by the Scottish and English police. There had been general publication in newspapers on both sides of the border two days before publication in the *Daily Mail*, and also on the day of publication.

At the conclusion yesterday Lord Emslie said:

It may well be that if a person had been arrested and there follows publication of prejudicial material, that that will constitute contempt.

The authority, however, for the proposition that this constituted contempt, bearing in mind the starting point was the time of arrest, is Stirling.

Since we entertain doubts as to the reasoning which led to the result in Stirling, we feel that before we come to any firm conclusion as to the true starting point for contempt, we should remit this case to a larger court, where Stirling can be reconsidered and developed on wider lines which would determine the limits of jurisdiction in matters of contempt.

Mr Ronald King Murray, QC, the Lord Advocate, said: "If your Lordships are going to hold in the present proceedings that there was contempt of court, I would be content for the matter to be dealt with by the present court or by a larger court. I would not institute criminal proceedings in respect of the matters complained of."

● In Stirling v Associated Newspapers Ltd, 1959, Mr E. V. Matthewman, the editor of the Scottish *Daily Mail* was fined £500 and Associated Newspapers, publishers of the *Scottish Daily Mail*, were fined £5,000 for contempt of court after a petition was presented on behalf of a man accused of murder.

Drug research schemes come under criticism

By Our Consumer Affairs Correspondent

A drug manufacturers' research programme involving 3,000 general practitioners and 18,000 patients may contravene the pharmaceutical industry's code of practice, according to the Consumers' Association, publishers of *Which?*

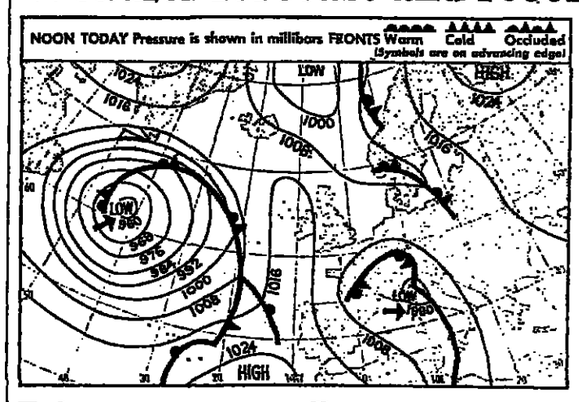
In the latest issue of *Drug and Therapeutics Bulletin*, which the association publishes fortnightly for doctors, it is argued that the Benoral Compliance Study organized by Winthrop Laboratories is on a scale which suggests that it is "mainly promotional".

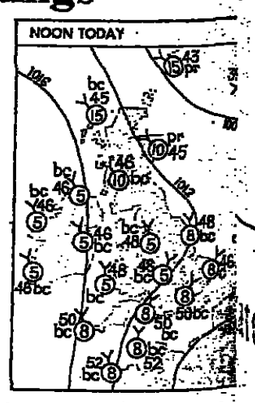
The bulletin says that the study, supposed to assess how well patients follow their medication instructions, seems "misguided and of trivial scientific value".

The commercial value, on the other hand, could be considerable, it is argued. Doctors have been invited to take part and offered surgery equipment valued at more than £30 each for their time and trouble. Indirectly, the bulletin says, much of the cost of the research would be paid by the National Health Service.

The Department of Health and Social Security would have a strong case for not allowing the cost of the study to count as research expenditure under the terms of the pharmaceutical price regulation scheme, the bulletin concludes.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 6.40 am	Sun sets: 5.46 pm
Moon rises: 3.21 am	Moon sets: 12.29 pm

New moon: March 9.

Lighting up: 6.16 pm to 6.8 am.

High water: London Bridge, 8.40 am, 6.1m (20.1ft); 9.21 pm, 6.2m (20.2ft). Avonmouth, 1.35 am, 9.9m (32.6ft); 2.26 pm, 10.1m (33.0ft). Dover, 6.3 am, 5.6m (18.5ft); 6.52 pm, 5.6m (18.3ft). Hull, 12.50 am, 6.0m (19.7ft); 1.31 pm, 5.9m (19.5ft). Liverpool, 6.17 am, 7.7m (25.4ft); 7.3 pm, 7.7m (25.2ft).

Tomorrow

Sun rises: 6.38 am	Sun sets: 5.47 pm
Moon rises: 4.11 am	Moon sets: 1.38 pm

Lighting up: 6.17 pm to 6.6 am.

High water: London Bridge, 10.7 am, 6.3m (20.5ft); 10.45 pm, 6.3m (20.8ft). Avonmouth, 3.19 am, 10.5m (34.4ft); 4.3 pm, 10.9m (35.7ft). Dover, 7.30 am, 5.8m (19.0ft); 8.11 pm, 5.9m (19.3ft). Hull, 2.25 am, 6.1m (20.0ft); 2.54 pm, 6.2m (20.4ft). Liverpool, 7.43 am, 8.0m (26.3ft); 8.26 pm, 8.1m (26.5ft).

A ridge of high pressure is building up over Britain.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, central S and SW England, Midlands, Channel Islands and S Wales: Mist and fog clearing, sunny spells; wind N, light; max temp 13°C (55°F).

SE England and East Anglia: Fog patches clearing, sunny spells, perhaps showers near coasts; wind N, light or moderate; max temp 10°C (50°F).

E, NE and central N England, Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee: Sunny spells developing, perhaps a shower; wind NW, light or moderate; max temp 9°C (48°F).

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Amsterdam	c	6	43	Dublin	c	10	50
Athens	c	10	50	Edinburgh	c	8	46
Barcelona	s	13	55	Florence	c	15	59
Belfast	s	9	48	Funchal	s	19	66
Berlin	r	1	34	Geneva	r	7	45
Biarritz	s	11	52	Gibraltar	r	17	63
Birmingham	r	6	43	Guernsey	c	10	50
Bristol	r	6	43	Helsinki	c	1	34
Brussels	c	8	46	Innsbruck	s	14	57
Budapest	s	13	55	Istanbul	s	10	50
Cardiff	r	7	45	Jersey	c	9	48
L Palmas	c	21	70	N York	sn	0	32
Lisbon	r	16	61	Nice	c	11	52
Locarno	r	8	46	Oslo	c	1	34
London	r	8	46	Paris	s	9	48
Luxembourg	r	8	46	Reykjavik	c	1	34
Madrid	s	14	57	Rome	r	15	59
Majorca	s	17	63	Strasbourg	d	7	45
Malta	s	19	66	Tel Aviv	s	22	72
Milan	c	10	50	Toronto	sn	0	32
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Moscow	c	0	32	Vienna	r	11	52
Munich	s	13	55	Warsaw	c	1	34
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Peacock to be found new home

Mrs Pamela Sanderson, of High Street, Mill Hill, London, promised Mr Justice Walton in the High Court yesterday to find a new home for a peacock and two peahens she has at her home.

Her counsel said she was prepared to give an undertaking not to keep the peafowl at her home until a dispute with her neighbours over the noise made by the birds, and by her two cockerels, nine geese, 30 chickens, 20 ducks and a goat, was resolved.

Public urged to help police to fight crime

The Prime Minister appealed to the public yesterday to help the police to turn back the "tide of crime".

After opening a new police station in Cardiff Mr Callaghan said: "More crime, particularly violent crime, political terrorism, marches, demonstrations, events like those in Ilford last weekend, all place heavy demands on the police service. They must have full support and backing in their fight against crime."

Mr Callaghan said many things were blamed for rising crime—television, the absence of parental control, the permissive society, or the acquisitive society, and the absence of a firm moral base. But the British police force remained a national institution admired throughout the world.

Anthrax confirmed

A case of anthrax has been confirmed after the death of a heifer at Piccards Farm, Sandy Lane, Guildford.

Labour poll choice

Mr Donald Dewar, aged 40, a Glasgow solicitor, was selected last night as prospective Labour candidate in the Glasgow, Garscadden, by-election, caused by the death of Mr W. W. Small.

Students elect Tory

Mr Andrew Waldie, aged 20, of University College, is the new president of Oxford University Students' Union. This is the third year in succession that a Conservative has won the election.

Increase to 500,000 in the number of serious crimes in London last year

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

The number of serious crimes in London last year exceeded 500,000, an increase of 12 per cent on 1976, statistics issued yesterday by Scotland Yard show.

Although the Metropolitan Police is still below full strength, the number of crimes cleared up in 1977 was 5 per cent above 1976 figures and totalled almost 120,000.

Some 110,000 people were arrested for indictable crimes, showing an increase of 30 per cent over 1970. The report accompanying the figures noted that the police strength has increased by less than 5 per cent in the last seven years.

Some disturbing trends are shown by some of the figures. One relates to robbery and other violent theft, up by 23 per cent last year. Another is that 51 per cent of all those arrested for indictable crimes were aged 20 or under.

Mr Gilbert Kelland, assistant commissioner in charge of the CID, said yesterday that it was cold comfort that the increase overall was still below the provisional national average, which is likely to be 14 per cent.

He and his officers are worried by the growth in some crimes. Burglaries increased by 15 per cent and crimes involving cars rose by 16 per cent, representing 31 per cent of all recorded crime in London.

The figures show that serious woundings dropped from the 1976 figures and the number of murders was similar to the 1976 figure. Last year there were 142 murders and all but 18 had been cleared up by the end of the year.

The number of indictable assaults on police officers dropped to 889, and that is ascribed to the smaller number of attacks at the Notting Hill Carnival.

Concern over supervision of high-risk offenders on parole

Concern that the public was being misled over the amount of supervision being given to high-risk offenders on parole or licence was expressed at a conference of probation officers yesterday.

Mr Barry Bright, a senior probation officer at Wallington, Surrey, said that there should be more surveillance of a hard core of professional criminals, some potentially violent.

Mr Stanley Elliott, an independent member of the Parole Board, said that public safety was uppermost in the board's decisions. "We do not expect you to be on duty 24 hours a day", he told the probation officers.

Mr P. E. Russell, Hampshire's chief probation officer, who is responsible for probation staff in Albany and Parkhurst prisons, questioned whether the probation service had the skills to handle aggressive professional criminals on parole or licence. One suggestion was that the police ought to supervise them. Another was that former policemen should do it.

Chief Supt Leslie Sharp, of the Community Relations branch at Scotland Yard, said that was not a task the police could take on.

The conference, which was organized by the South Thames branch of the National Association of Probation Officers and held at Beckenham, was attended by several hundred officers.

Dr Fenwick Wills, a part-time medical officer at Reading jail, said that some of the more difficult prisoners in the country were "floating on a sea of tranquillizers".

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b—blue sky; bc—bottom cloudy; c—overcast; f—fog; fr—frost; h—hail; m—mist; r—rain; s—sun; sn—snow; t—thunderstorms; sh—showers; p—periods of rain with sun.

Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Orkney and Shetland: W showers, sunny intervals; NW, fresh; max temp 6°C (43

Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: Mostly dry with sunny spells after overnight fog patches and frost; becoming rather c

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Chan (E): Wind N, moderate or fre sea moderate.

St George's Channel, Irish S Wind N, moderate; sea sligh

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 am to pm, 12°C (54°F); min, 6 pm 6 am, 6°C (43°F). Humidity pm, 60 per cent. Rain, 24hr 6 pm, 0.4in Sun, 24hr to 6 4.1hr. Bar. mean sea level, 6 1.007.0 millibars, rising. 1.000 millibars=29.53in.

Overseas selling prices

Austria, Sch 18; Belgium, Fr Canaries, Pes 60; Denmark, Dkr 3 Finland, Fmk 3.25; France, Fr 3. Germany, Dmk 0.80; Greece, Dr Holland, Dfl 0.90; Hongkong, 6.0fr; Italy, Lire 700; Luxembourg Fr 22; Malaysia, Dm 2.50; Malta, Norway, Kr 3.00; Portugal, Esc Spain, Pes 80; Sweden, Sk 3 Switzerland, Scr 1.30; USA, $1.00; Yugoslavia, Din 25.

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Engineering firms face stoppage on two days

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

Engineering union leaders yesterday decided to call a two-day strike later this month over the continuing failure of negotiations on a new national wage agreement for the industry's 1,250,000 workers.

The executive of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions voted unanimously in favour of the 48-hour stoppage, which will cripple industry briefly if it takes place, after informal talks with the Engineering Employers' Federation failed to produce a peace formula.

Negotiations on a new agreement have been going on for several months, and the two sides have appeared to be within sight of a deal on more than one occasion. But the latest breakdown seems likely to involve this key exporting sector of the economy in the first national industrial action for four years.

The Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas) intervened in the dispute yesterday, when Mr James Mortimer, its chairman, and his chief conciliation officer met the employers' side. Acas will meet the unions on Monday, the day before the policy-making national committee of the Amelgamated Union of Engineering Workers discusses the next move.

The employers are willing to resume negotiations, but insist that any new agreement must not expose he federation's 6,000 member firms to the threat of government sanctions.

The stimubling block appears to be the fate of a small number of companies who pay the minimum rate of £42 a week and for whom implementation of the proposed new minimum rates of £57 this month and £60 in August would involve a breach of the pay guidelines.

Mr Anthony Frodsham, director-general of the employers' federation, said yesterday: "Efforts were made to reach agreement on the pay claim, but at the end of the day the employers confirmed that the only solution acceptable to them would have to be based on domesic anniversary dates.

"The present incomes policy forces employers to comply with the 12-month rule, and the federation has consistently supported this policy as a vital part of the national fight against inflation."

The resolution adopted by the unions' executive called on the employers to "honour the formula" reached during informal talks this week but withdrawn by the employers yesterday morning. The employers, however, insist that no such formula was agreed.

The unions are talking of "further action as required" after the initial strike. At this stage he employers are privately not too anxious about the threat, particularly as previous industrywide strike calls have met with a varied response on the shop floor.

Law knows no right to strike–Lord Denning

From Arthur Osman
Birmingham

Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, said at Birmingham University yesterday that nowadays the power to strike was unlimited over great stretches of human affairs, so wide was the definition of a trade dispute.

The courts could do nothing to restrain the power because Parliament had forbidden them to do anything when it was used in contemplation or furtherance of a trade dispute. He was speaking to the staff and students of the university's law faculty on restraining the misuse of power. He continued:

"It must be accepted today as part of our social system, at any rate when it is exercised by trade unions. We can only rely on their sense of responsibility to see that it is not abused.

"I sometimes wonder why Parliament extended this power so as to cover 'unofficial' strikes; these are called without the authority of a trade union and sometimes contrary to their instructions, and to cover 'wildcat' strikes which inflict sudden and disastrous injury without warning.

"Such strikes are called by groups who are answerable to no one and are, I fear, sometimes led by those who have no sense of responsibility."

People sometimes spoke of a right to strike as if it were one of the fundamental rights of mankind.

I would declare at once that there is no such right known to the law, not at any rate when it is used so as to inflict great harm on innocent bystanders, to disrupt essential services or to bring the country to a halt.

So far as the law is concerned, those who do such things are exercising not a right but a great power, the power to strike.

Speaking of public companies, Lord Denning cited the case of Dr Wallerstciner, a German scientist, who became a financial manipulator in England operating through puppet trusts registered abroad and various other companies.

Although successfully sued over his activities by a minority shareholder, when judgment was given against him for £250,000, he left the country without paying anything. Lord Denning said:

I cite that case because it exposes the weakness of our company law system. The few in control of it, if they are dishonest, can misuse their powers. They have inside information; they can buy and sell its shares or dispose of its property to their own profit and to the loss of others.

They can cover their tracks with so much complexity that there is no discovering what they have done. There is no means of bringing them to account.

Minister told of threat to nursing standards

The standard of nursing care in the National Health Service is being threatened by lack of money, the Royal College of Nursing has told Mr Ennals, Secretary of State

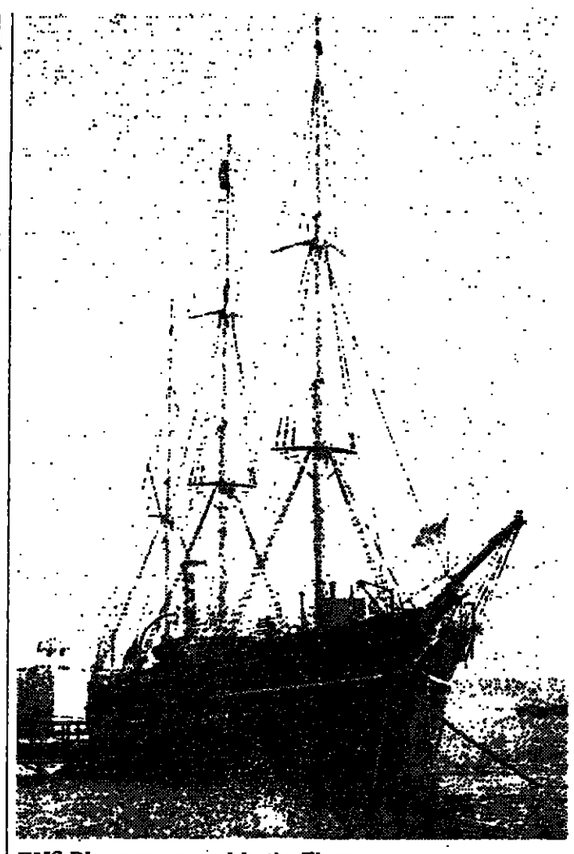
Miss Catherine Hall, the general secretary, said in a letter to the minister that a significant increase in funds for the health service in next month's Budget was essential. Resources were being stretched to breaking point, and the college council considered that instances it had provided would become more frequent.

Miss Hall's warning comes at a time when some hospitals and area health authorities have said it is impossible to employ the staff they need.

The RCN has conducted a survey in the four Thames hospital regions, which have had difficulties.

Miss Hall says the deterioration in the past two years sprang from increasing pressures on all health services and the inability to find the necessary money. Fewer staff were being expected to cope with increasing demand.

The RCN council was demanding immediate action. The present waiting list for hospital admissions comprises 591,000 names.



HMS Discovery moored in the Thames.

New owner sought for Scott's ship

By a Staff Reporter

The Ministry of Defence is looking for a new owner for HMS Discovery, the ship that took Captain Scott to he Antarctic on his first trip in 1901.

The Discovery, which has been moored in the Thames opposite Temple Underground station, was taken over by the Admiralty as a Royal Naval Reserve drill ship in 1955; with the reduction of the RNR it is no longer needed.

Although the wooden hull is sound, there is extensive rotting in the inner shell, the ministry said yesterday. Neither the cost of a refit, likely to exceed £500,000, nor the annual maintenance cost of £40,000 can be borne on the pared-down Defence votes.

Because of the ship's history, the ministry, rather than scrap her, would gladly give her to anyone who seemed responsible and capable of preserving her.

The decision was received with regret by Mr Edward Pike, the bearded senior ship-keeper, who with eight others has helped to look after the Discovery for the past six years. "It is part of life", he said sadly. The ship has served as a floating classroom for sea cadets, Sea Scouts and the Royal Navau Auxiliary Services, and has had some 300,000 visits a year from the public.

The Discovery was built in Dundee for £45,000 for the 1901 National Antarctic Expedition. Its design was based on an earlier whaling ship of the same name which had withstood the ice in the Royal Navy's expedition towards the North Pole in 1875-76.

With a crew of 38 and five scientists, she sailed from London on July 31, 1901, returning in Stepmeber, 1904, after two winters in McMurdo Sound.

She was then put up for sale and bought by the Hudson's Bay Company. Later she carried munitions to Russia on charter to the French Government, and after an extensive refit returned to the Antarctic before being laid up in the East India Dock in 1931. Between 1937 and 1955 she was used to train Sea Scouts.

Mr Paisley cleared of impeding the police

The Rev Ian Paisley, MP for North Antrim, was cleared at Ballymena Magistrates' Court, co Antrim, yesterday of a charge of impeding the police during last year's abortive "loyalist" strike in Ulster. He was one of nine men arrested in front of a barricade in Ballymena last May. All were found not guilty yesterday.

The verdict brought applause and cheering from the crowded public gallery and Mr Paisley led the singing of a thanksgiving hymn.

He was met outside the courtroom by another cheering crowd. He told them:

"The Deputy Chief Constable of Ulster and the chief superintendent of this town have testified on oath that I have supported the authorities, as I always do, and that we were the real peace people on this occasion."

That was a reference to an alleged agreement made with the police by Mr Paisley and a deputation of farmers, whereby a selected number of men would be arrested as a token gesture. According to Mr Paisley, that had been the only way to avoid bloodshed in Ballymena, where feelings were running high during the loyalist strike.

Mr Jack Hermon, deputy Chief Constable of Northern Ireland, told the court that no *specific agreement had* been made, but he had been aware of Mr Paisley's plan. He agreed that the action of the nine men in offering themselves for token arrest had taken the heat out of a dangerous situation.

Mr Paisley said outside the court that the magistrate clearly agreed there was an agreement with police chiefs to avoid bloodshed. He announced plans for a celebration parade to be held in Ballymena today.

Mr Ernest Baird, leader of the United Ulster Unionist Party, another of the defendants, said after the verdict: "The onus is now on the Secretary of State to get on with the job of security in this province".

All nine defendants were charged with impeding a police officer in the execution of his duties in Ballymena on May 10 last. The incident came in the closing stages of the abortive loyalist stoppage.

For about 36 hours up to the time of the arrest Ballymena had been blocked off with tractors and heavy farm machinery by Mr Paisley's supporters.

In brief

AA warning on driving glasses

The Automobile Association said yesterday that further promotion by the association of a brand of photo-chromatic driving glasses would include the warning that they should not be worn at night.

Earlier the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents had said the AA was irresponsible in failing to give that warning in promoting Reactolite Rapite glasses.

405,730 cremations

There were 405,730 cremations in the United Kingdom last year giving a provisional figure of 63.23 per cent of deaths, compared with 413,722 cremations (62.33 per cent) in 1976.

Jail over £20 fines

Robert Relf, of Leamington, Warwickshire, was sent to prison for six days by Leamington magistrates yesterday after refusing to pay fines of £20 imposed for failing to wear a crash helmet.

Flu closes wards

An influenza epidemic last night closed four wards at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, and Putney Hospital, London. More than sixty patients were affected after nurses became ill.

Inquiry on refinery

A public inquiry is to be held on April 25 into further plans by Occidental, the American oil company, for its refinery under construction at Canvey Island.

£73,000 for blind man

Mr John Irvine, father of three children, who was blinded in the Flixborough chemical blast in 1974, has accepted an out-of-court compensation settlement of more than £73,000.

Liberal wins seat

Mr David Hardy, aged 42, a lecturer in mining engineering, has won a seat for the Liberals on Mansfield District Council at a by-election at Warsop.

Students to help satellite launch

Surrey University's satellite command station, run by students, will take part in the launching of a new amateur radio communications satellite, Asmat Oscar-8, tomorrow.

A telephone link has been set up with the Goddard space flight centre in the United States so that the students can track and check its performance immediately after launching.

Nalgo interest in pay forum plan

By Donald Macintyre
Labour Reporter

The first evidence of trade union interest in the proposal for a permanent pay forum comes in a paper to be discussed today by the executive of the National and Local Government Officers Association (Nalgo).

It looks favourably at the idea of a nationally agreed pay norm, fixed at regular intervals, along the lines of several west European countries.

The notion of a central body to reach annual agreement on broad economic policy, including pay, has been canvassed by the Confederation of British Industry but has yet meet with overt union support.

If the document, which has been approved in principle by the union's economic committee, survives today's meeting in Cardiff, it will be presented for endorsement at the annual conference of the union, Britain's fourth biggest, later this year.

The document says that a method of pay determination which has "operated in different forms in West Germany, Sweden and Holland is the establishment of a flexible pay norm at national level jointly by the Government, employers and unions or directly between Government and the union".

One way of achieving a more rational approach to pay, according to the paper, is through "periodic discussions between the Government, employers and unions leading to the establishment of guidelines on pay and other service condition issues".

It says that such an agreement would be conditional on government action, including increased state spending and tax cuts, more public investment in manufacturing and price restraint.

The document says: "Nalgo will oppose a further year of unilateral pay restraint in the public services. It is inequitable that one group of employees should continually be expected to bear the brunt of government policy."

It takes a critical view of the call by Mr David Basnett, chairman of the TUC, for a new approach to public sector pay despite approval voiced for it by Mr Geoffrey Drain, the union's general secretary.

The public services TUC committee proposed by Mr Basnett, by excluding nationalized industry unions would tend to be dominated by the "most industrially weak" unions. His idea of regular pay reviews are said to share "most of the disadvantages" of the Civil Service pay research system.

But the document says that despite those difficulties, such a committee could be an effective way of giving public service unions a stronger voice.

The CBI, whose suggestion of a central forum received some support from Mr James Prior, opposition spokesman on employment, was warned by many of its members at its conference last year against adopting too "corporate" an approach to pay bargaining. It is now working on detailed plans for some form of central economic analysis, possibly linked to parliamentary select linked to a parliamentary committee.

Remand for Lord Noel-Buxton

Lord Noel-Buxton, aged 61, of Morpeth Street, London, was remanded on bail until March 31 by magistrates at Newbury, Berkshire, yesterday accused of non-payment of hotel bills.

He is charged with evading payment of £17.10 to the Star and Garter Hotel, Dorking, Surrey, in March, 1976, and a similar case involving £28.50 to the Bacon Arms, at Newbury.

Part of £20,000 due to Prince to be invested

The sum payable out of the Consolidated Fund to the royal trustees for the beenfit of the Queen's younger children has been increased by £20,000 a year with effect from February 19, *when Prince Andrew* became 18, Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer announced in a Commons written reply.

The Queen has signified her intention to make an order under section 4 (2) of the Civil List Act, 1952, limiting the amount Prince Andrew will receive while he is at school *and not undertaking royal* duties. The balance will be invested by the trustees until a further order.

Tory suggests ways to cut rate demands by half

By Christopher Warman
Local Government
Correspondent

Radical changes in the rating system, giving householders tax relief and cutting average rate demands to well below half their present level, are proposed in a Bow Group pamphlet published yesterday.

The proposals come from Mr Roland Freeman, Greater London Council member for Finchley and a former GLC finance chairman, who also recommends the abolition of rates for the county councils and the GLC, and to finance the education service.

He has suggested a practical alternative to the outright abolition of domestic rates, to which the Conservative Party is pledged.

It has become clear, he says, that the pledge will not be carried out in the life of one Parliament and no specific policy for the replacement of rates has been announced. Without firm alternative plans the pledge "can only be regarded as a political pipe dream".

The pamphlet advocates a drastic reshaping of the system of local finance so that domestic rating becomes a purely district and borough council tax paying for essentially local services.

Education should be financed by a 100 per cent Exchequer grant and social services by a 60 per cent grant, both services to be transferred from the shire counties to the districts.

Mr Freeman says that counties and the Greater London Council as strategic authorities should be financed by Exchequer grant, either through a statutory formula reflecting needs or by an independent county grants commission similar to the University Grants Committee.

The effect of his proposals would be to do away with the need for a general rate support grant. Instead, Mr Freeman suggests that industrial and commercial rates should be pooled and redistributed to the districts and boroughs to correct deficiencies in local resources between different areas.

He proposes that ratepayers should be able to offset rates against income tax at the lowest non-concessionary level (34 per cent in 1977-78). They would receive demands showing a net figure after deduction, and councils would claim back from the Exchequer the amounts deducted, thus spreading the load of rates over taxpayers as a whole.

Mr Freeman suggests that rates should be assessed accordin to "square metre rating". That would be based on living space and garden area in excess of a standard plot, and would be cheaper to administer than the present system of rental valuation.

The Rates Riddle (Bow Publications Ltd, 240 High Holborn, London, WC1V 7DT, 60p).

Law Report March 3 1978 Court of Appeal

Inquiry date: religious objection overruled

Ostreicher v Secretary of State for the Environment and Others
Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Shaw and Lord Justice Waller

An objector to a compulsory purchase order who is unable to attend the inquiry on religious grounds cannot be said to have been deprived of the opportunity of being heard or of the benefit of the rules of natural justice unless he makes it clear beforehand that on the date fixed for the inquiry neither he nor anyone on his behalf will be able to attend.

Questions of an adjournment depend *in* every case on seeing that what is done is fair to all concerned. But because arrangements for a public inquiry have to be made long in advance and the many people involved there is a distinction between the adjournment of a public inquiry and of judicial proceedings before a court.

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by Mrs Sarah Ostreicher, the owner of properties in Rushmore Road, Hackney, London, against the dismissal by Sir Douglas Franks, QC, sitting as a deputy High Court judge (*The Times*, May 6, 1977), of her application to quash a compulsory purchase order made with regard to those properties by Hackney London Borough Council and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Environment on November 12, 1976.

The Housing Act, 1957, provides by schedule 3, paragraph 3 (3): "If any objection duly made [to a compulsory purchase order] is not withdrawn, the minister shall, before confirming the order, either cause a public local inquiry to be held or afford to any person by whom an objection has been duly made . . . an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by a person appointed by the minister for the purpose. . . ."

Mr Barry Payton for Mrs Ostreicher, Mr Harry Woolf and Mr David Latham for the minister: Mr Anthony Dinkin for the council.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that Mrs Ostreicher and her husband were concerned with whether a number of houses which they owned should be acquired under a compulsory purchase order of October, 1975, in respect of property which Hackney London Borough Council regarded as slum dwellings by modern standards.

The Ostreichers were devout Jews. They observed the Sabbath in accordance with the Talmud. They extended that to other holy days, including the seventh day of the Passover. Accordingly on those days they did no manner of work themselves, nor did they allow any servant or "any stranger" within their "gates" to do any work. That was their religious belief and no doubt it was shared by many others in Hackney.

The minister decided to hold a public inquiry and he had to fix a day under Schedule 3 of the Housing Act, 1957. The ministry gave 10 or 11 weeks' notice and picked upon April 21, 1976, as the date for the inquiry. That was the Wednesday after Easter Bank Holiday (Good Friday was on April 16) and most people would think that it was a good day for the inquiry. A room for the inquiry was arranged and the objectors were notified.

On April 1 the Ostreichers' surveyors wrote to the minister saying that they had been in touch with their clients and that "due to religious reasons" they were "totally unable to attend" the hearing; they asked for a special hearing so as not to be penalized.

The minister replied on April 7 that it was not possible to defer the inquiry date but that if "your clients deem it necessary they are open . . . to arrange to be represented at the inquiry". The surveyors, who had already put in objections in writing, did not reply to that letter.

April 21 came. The inspector went to the inquiry and found no one there to represent the objectors. He said that owing to religious reasons the Ostreichers were not there. The inspector made his report and recommended that the order should be confirmed with some modifications.

When the minister's decision was given the Ostreichers' surveyors objected to what had been done. They said that there had been a want of natural justice and that the inspector should not have gone ahead without the Ostreichers being represented.

Mrs Ostreicher applied by notice of motion for an order that the compulsory purchase order be quashed under Schedule 4 to the 1957 Act. The matter had come before Sir Douglas Frank. Mr Woolf for the minister and Mr Dinkin for the local authority neither supported nor opposed the application. Sir Douglas had refused to quash the order.

It was an elementary principle of natural justice, whether in judicial or administrative proceedings, that the judge or person conducting the inquiry should see that everything was done fairly.

The question of adjournments had been considered in *R v Thames Magistrates' Court* ([1974] 1 WLR 1371) and *In re M* ([1968] 1 WLR 1897). It was often a question of whether the court or tribunal or the inspector had properly allowed or disallowed an adjournment. In every case it was only a matter of seeing that what had been done was fair to those concerned.

There was a distinction between the adjournment of an inquiry and ordinary proceedings before the court because an inquiry like the present one had to be arranged long beforehand. It was a serious matter to adjourn the inquiry for one objector.

It seemed to his Lordship that the minister had acted perfectly reasonably in arranging for the inquiry to be held on April 21, the Wednesday after the Easter holiday. No objection was taken until April 1 and that letter did not say that the surveyors could not attend. The reply on April 7 was perfectly good. If the Ostreichers thought that there should be an adjournment they should have said so. The Department of the Environment had acted perfectly reasonably. There had been no want of natural justice.

There was a further ground of appeal, that the inspector had made an obvious error in classifying a particular house as fit. In such cases it was not the practice, nor was it desirable, that affidavits should be put in seeking to reopen questions of fact. The principles were stated in *Ashbridge Investments Ltd v Minister of Housing and Local Government* ([1965] 1 WLR 1320, 1326-1327). Fresh evidence should not be admitted save in exceptional circumstances.

The appeal should be dismissed.

Lord Justice Shaw agreed.

LORD JUSTICE WALLER, also agreeing, said that it was quite clear that the considerations relating to an adjournment in cases of an inquiry like the present one were quite different from those arising on an application for an adjournment in ordinary litigation. That was because so many people were concerned. The rules of natural justice had been properly obeyed when considering a possible adjournment.

Solicitors: Harold Benjamin & Collins, South Harrow: Treasury Solicitor: Mr R. A. Benge.



WEST EUROPE

Campaign by parents forces Rhine state to drop school reform

From Patricia Clough
Bonn, March 3

Determined and well-organized pressure groups of parents and teachers have forced the *Land* Government of North Rhine-Westphalia to scrap its plans to introduce semi-comprehensive schools.

A formal petition organized by the groups, which had support from the opposition Christian Democratic Party and the Roman Catholic Church, collected 3,640,000 signatures during a lively, emotional and costly two-week campaign.

The result, which came as a shock to the ruling Social Democratic-Free Democratic coalition, was well over the minimum of 2,440,000 signatures needed to compel the Government either to drop the law or call a full referendum to decide the issue.

As it became clear that almost one-third of the adult population was opposed to the idea of "cooperative"—or partially comprehensive-schools, the *Land* Cabinet decided to propose that Parliament repeal the reform law passed last October.

Herr Heinz Kühn, the Prime Minister, said such a reform could only be brought about with the consent of the parents, and the result of the petition showed this consent was lacking.

The success of the petition is expected to have repercussions throughout West Germany. Its jubilant supporters hope it will encourage parents and teachers to act in other *Länder*.

It is a serious blow for the North Rhine-Westphalia Government, coming after an embarrassing banking scandal. Its school plan had aimed to bring the three existing types of secondary school—Hauptschule (secondary modern), Realschule (technical grammar school) and Gymnasium (grammar school) under one roof. The three streams would remain distinct, but the first two years would consist of a common "orientation" phase in which the children's aptitude could be assessed.

Opponents of the plan said the "orientation period" would keep brighter children back while putting intolerable competitive strain on the slower ones.



The two sides of samples of new two-franc coins which go into circulation in France next year. The coins will be made from pure nickel and weigh 7.5 grams. At least 100 million will be minted. The samples were shown to the press in Paris by M Robert Boulin, Deputy Finance Minister.

OVERSEAS

Mr Dayan says Israel should go ahead with parts of self-rule scheme for West Bank

From Moshe Brilliant
Tel Aviv, March 3

Mr Dayan, the Foreign Minister, proposed today that Israel should unilaterally implement parts of its plan granting administrative self-rule to the Arabs of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, even if peace negotiations remain stalled.

The Foreign Minister, speaking at a closed meeting of the Forum for Social and Political Discussion organized by his political supporters, recalled that the plan for Arab self-rule submitted by Mr Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, to President Sadat at their Christmas Day summit in Ismailia had been viewed as a basis for a peace agreement.

Mr Dayan then suggested that parts of the plan might be implemented, even if a peace agreement was not attainable for some time. "I said 'might', but I think we should do so", he declared.

"We do not want to be an occupation force", he said, "ruling 400,000 Arabs in the Gaza Strip and 500,000 in Judea and Samaria". He suggested that the authority of the military administration be reduced to what was necessary to ensure security and ideological interests.

By "ideological interests", he apparently meant the right of Israelis to acquire land and settle in the territories and to enjoy freedom of movement throughout the ancestral Jewish homeland, as provided for in the peace proposals.

He admitted that parts of the self-rule plan could not be enforced unilaterally. He was referring to provisions for the election of an administrative council to direct affairs relating to Arab residents, and to the proposal that Arabs be offered the choice between Israeli and Jordanian citizenship.

The Foreign Minister said the Arabs should be entitled to call for assistance from the Israeli Ministry of Agriculture or health institutions, for example, if they wanted it, but should be free to run their own affairs. They should be able to exercise the freedom they had never enjoyed under any rule, including Jordan's.

This would not require negotiations, he said: He pointed to the widely acclaimed "open bridges" policy under which goods and people have been streaming across the Jordan river between the occupied West Bank and the Arab world. "No agreement was ever signed, but it is functioning to our satisfaction", he added.

Amman: The flagging Middle East peace efforts by the United States moved to Jordan today amid reports that King Husain intends to visit Washington for direct talks with President Carter late this month.

Mr Alfred Atherton, Assistant Secretary of State, who is attempting to get Egypt and Israel back to the negotiating table, travelled overland from Jerusalem to Amman and is due to meet the King tomorrow.

Jordanian officials privately gave Mr Atherton virtually no chance of persuading King Husain to join President Sadat's three-month-old peace initiative with Israel.

The officials said King Husain would remain on the sidelines until Israel gave a concrete commitment to total withdrawal from the occupied Arab lands and self-determination for the Palestinians.

Mr Atherton's more modest aim of getting Egypt and Israel to agree on a compromise "declaration of peace principles" had shown no signs of being realized.

American diplomats were playing down the visit to Jordan as "an exploratory mission".—UPI

Washington: President Carter today officially announced the expected appointment as Ambassador-at-Large of Mr Atherton, who will be succeeded as Assistant Secretary of State by Mr Harold Saunders, director of intelligence and research at the State Department.—Agence France-Presse.

In brief

Sabotage caused rail crash

Washington, March 3.—A derailment of the goods in Youngstown, Florida, resulted in eight people from chlorine gas poison was an act of sabotage, National Transportation Safe Board has announced.

Mrs Kay Bailey, the board chairman, said it someone deliberately remo bolts from a join connecti two pieces of track and pul one rail to the side. When train passed over the join derailed.

Ex-premier cleared

Katmandu, March special tribunal has acquit Mr B. P. Koirala, the form Nepalese Prime Minister, of charge of treason arising in an attack on Nepalese secur forces in the eastern town Okhaldhunga in Decemb 1974.

US commando force

Washington, March 3.—Pr dent Carter has ordered anti-terrorist commando to formed. It is known as "P ject Blue Light" and is c manded by Colonel Cha Beckwith, a veteran of Green Berets, the special which was used for guer operations in Vietnam.

Cyster flight trouble

Singapore, March 3.—Fl Lieutenant David Cyster, British pilot flying a Moth biplane solo to Austra arrived in Singapore toda with oil dripping from engine.

Royal pardon sought

Maran, Malaysia, March Datuk Harun Idris, the for Selangor state Chief Minis who has been sentenced to years' jail on corruption forgery charges, has asked a royal pardon.

Panama envoy quits

Panama City, March Señor Moises Torrijos, who been indicted on drug sm ling charges in America, retiring from his post as bassador to Spain.

President reelected

Rangoon, March 3.—The mese People's Congress reelected President Ne Win a second four-year term. eral Ne Win seized power years ago in a bloodless c

M Chirac invokes Gen de Gaulle

The French Elections

From Ian Murray
Paris, March 3

M Jacques Chirac, the seemingly indefatigable Gaullist leader, has at last gone back to his own constituency at Ussel, Corrèze, for a spell of intensive canvassing before the election. His plans include only one further sortie to Paris next Wednesday, before the election.

Since October he has visited 85 departments, stopping at 453 communes in his 32,000 miles of travel. He has made 413 speeches and presided over 69 meetings with an average audience of more than 5,000 people. He has shaken thousands of hands, signed photographs and given dozens of radio, television and newspaper interviews.

One of the longest of these appears in *Le Monde* today in which he claims that the Rassemblement he formed just over a year ago is the direct descendant of Gaullism in its belief in national independence, supported by France's own nuclear deterrent, and based on a sound economy.

"The tradition of Gaullism has led us not to worry too much about whether a necessary decision should be considered as coming from the left or the right. All the great decisions taken by General de Gaulle entirely escape this classification, and many of them could figure with honour among the great schemes of a government of the left."

For M Chirac a victory by the left would be difficult to understand. He says that in his journeys throughout France the tens of thousands of people he has met have seemed to him to be too thoughtful and informed to want to replace the present Government coalition.

M Francois Mitterrand, the Socialist leader, said in a radio interview today that if the left were to win it would not consider President Giscard d'Estaing as an enemy. "We live together in the same country, desirous of preserving the national fabric which is common to us both, but there are two policies for France—his and ours—and they cannot be confused."

Asked if the left could not work with the President to produce a social democratic government, M Mitterand replied that the President was in no way a social democrat. "When you see the social classes that support him and the electorate who support him, to call him a social democrat is almost a bad joke."

However, if there were a government of the left, then the President would continue in office until the end of his term in 1981. "His duty will be to respect the constitution and the spirit of democracy, and the duty of the government of the left will be to implement the common programme, that will not perhaps suit him, but it is the people who are sovereign."

Preliminary figures issued today by the Ministry of the Interior show that there are 35,800,000 registered voters for the election, of whom 800,000 live in overseas departments. This is more than five million more than in 1973. The increase is the result of the lowering of the voting age to 18 in 1974.

Libyans may mediate in Ogaden war

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, March 3

President Siad Barre returned to Mogadishu today after a four-day visit to Libya, where he discussed the Horn of Africa conflict with Colonel Gaddafi.

Little has been said officially about the meeting, but there is speculation that Libya is attempting to mediate. One suggestion is that the Soviet Union, the Ethiopians' main arms supplier, and Libya could help to bring Somalia and Ethiopia to the conference table under the auspices of the Organization of African Unity.

So far efforts by the OAU have made little progress because neither Ethiopia nor Somalia has been prepared to negotiate without preconditions.

Ethiopia insists that Somalia must withdraw its forces from the Ogaden, while Somalia wants the Somalis living there to have the right to decide their own future.

Beirut: Eritrean guerrillas said more than 50 Ethiopian troops died in fighting on Wednesday.

Uganda to admit UN investigator

From Our Correspondent
Geneva, March 3

Uganda has agreed to allow a United Nations investigator to look into the human rights situation there.

This is understood to be the outcome of discussions in camera in the present session here of the 32-nation United Nations Human Rights Commission, which was pressed by Britain last year to act.

The investigation will be carried out by a special rapporteur chosen from among Africans prominent in this field.

British officials regard this outcome to the Commission's long-drawn procedures on Uganda as falling short of what was originally aimed at but still moderately satisfactory.

In the Commission today, Britain proposed a similar investigation in Cambodia.

Mr Evan Luard, Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign Office, said reports from Cambodia indicated "systematic brutality inflicted on the population at the whim of the authorities". Violations of human rights had occurred on a horrifying scale.

There was a clear need for the allegations to be investigated if the Commission were to do its job.

Mr Luard said at a press conference that in the Foreign Office assessment Cambodia was "in the bottom grade" regarding human rights.

EEC food aid for Lesotho

From Our Own Correspondent
Brussels, March 3

Supplies of EEC food are being sent to Lesotho in response to an appeal from Dr Leabua Jonathan, the Lesotho Prime Minister, after the effective closure last month of his country's border with Transkei.

Some 30 tons of milk powder, 20 tons of butter oil, and 130 tons of grain are being sent immediately to meet potentially serious food shortages in Lesotho's south-eastern region known as Qacha's Nek.

Because of inadequate roads, the nearest commercial centre and source of food supplies for Basothos living in this region lies in South Africa, and can only be reached through Transkei.

Since February 17, Basothos wishing to pass through Transkei have to produce visas, which cost 2.50 rand (about £1.50) each, take several weeks to obtain, and must be affixed on a passport instead of the local travel document previously accepted.

Oswald's lost years

In 1959, four years before he shot President Kennedy, Lee Harvey Oswald arrived in Moscow and told the United States Embassy he was defecting with classified information gained while a Marine radar operator. Less than two years later, he was demanding to return to America with his Russian wife. What had Oswald been doing, and why did he urgently wish to go home? Tomorrow *The Sunday Times* examines those missing years in the second extract from Edward Jay Epstein's book.

Whitehall-Washington split reported in Lusaka

From Our Correspondent
Lusaka, March 3

As pen met paper today in Salisbury, the men responsible for the Patriotic Front's guerrilla war, Mr Joshua Nkomo and Mr Robert Mugabe, were meeting at Maputo in Mozambique to plan the next step in their long struggle for power.

The meeting comes amid reports in diplomatic circles here of heightened efforts by Britain to drive a wedge between the two and convince Mr Nkomo to return to Salisbury.

Inherent in the new Whitehall approach which has included the dispatch of secret envoys to Mr Nkomo and President Kaunda of Zambia, is the abandonment of the Anglo-American proposals for Rhodesia, the diplomatic sources say.

The British moves have left the Carter Administration in something of a quandary, it is said. Firmly convinced that the Patriotic Front as a whole must be included in any successful settlement, Washington believes the Western package remains the best route for achieving that goal, the sources assert. They add that State Department negotiators also have real doubts about the British belief that Mr Nkomo can be cajoled into joining those he has labelled "the notorious gang of three".

The commitment of the leaders of the frontline states supporting the guerrilla alliance is equally underestimated, the sources say. Asked if he would urge Mr Nkomo at least to talk with the nationalists in Salisbury, President Kaunda said in an interview today that it would be "sinful".

American officials are now suspended in a kind of diplomatic limbo. A planned southern African tour by Mr Richard Moose, Assistant Secretary of State for African affairs, had to be cancelled because the United States could not in good conscience now lobby the frontline leaders and nationalists to support the Anglo-American plan.

For the present, the sources maintain, American officials apparently have no option but to remain on the diplomatic fence and continue trying to convince the British that their new strategy could well lead to an East-West confrontation in southern Africa.

US declines to make any firm comment

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, March 3

The State Department cautiously avoided approving or condemning the Rhodesia agreement on the ground that it did not yet have the details.

A spokesman said: "We do intend to continue to work with all the parties to achieve a settlement".

Mr Andrew Young, American representative at the United Nations, has cancelled a tour of South-East Asia to attend the Security Council meetings on Rhodesia next week.

Welcome by Mr Vorster in cautious terms

From Our Correspondent
Johannesburg, March 3

The South African Government today welcomed the Rhodesian internal settlement but with considerable reservations about whether it can work out.

The business community thinks a successful settlement would mean a tremendous shot in the arm for investment in southern Africa as a whole. But today it was even more cautious than the Government.

Mr Vorster, the Prime Minister, welcomed the fact that whites and blacks had com an acceptable agreement. added:

"How successful it will in practice will depend on one hand on the good will which the parties abid and implement it in t and on the other hand they will be allowed to ize and determine their affairs by so-called p opinion as well as by African and world organiza and by neighbouring tant countries. Only time give an answer to this."

Tories want early end to sanction

By Our Political Correspondent

Conservative front-bench spokesmen yesterday welcomed the settlement reached in Rhodesia, and looked forward to an early lifting of sanctions. Right-wingers and members of the Monday Club argued for an immediate ending of sanctions.

Mr John Davies, shadow Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, hoped that the settlement would attract the cooperation of other nationalist leaders such as Mr Joshua Nkomo, "once they realize that it provides the only hope of a peaceful solution".

He expressed the wish that it would win the approval of the international community "and thus lead to the early lifting of sanctions to relieve the hard-pressed Rhodesian economy".

A durable settlement in Rhodesia, he said, would provide a timely and badly-needed foundation of stability which would stem the tide of Si and Soviet-inspired expansi Africa. It was now for Dr C to enlist the support of United States and the countries.

Mr Julian Amery, MP Brighton, Pavilion, said: Salisbury agreement is superior to the Anglo-Amer plan. It springs from a co sus of the leaders of the majority and the still dom white minority. It is not so thing imposed from outside.

Bureaucracy still hinders project 13 years after architect's death

Le Corbusier's last battle

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, March 3

Throughout most of his working life, Le Corbusier, the brilliant but controversial French architect, fought a battle against bureaucratic interference. It is ironic, therefore, that 13 years after his death, his last known design is uncompleted and tax officials are in large part responsible.

The unfinished project had its beginning 32 years ago on a Liberty ship to New York. In January, 1946, a small French deputation travelled in the Vernon S Hood to America to seek ideas and resources for rebuilding France after the war. Among them were M Eugène Claudius-Petit, an art teacher and founder member of the Resistance National Council, and one of the most controversial architects of modern times, Charles-Edouard Jeanneret, known as Le Corbusier.

During the 15-day voyage across the wintry Atlantic, the two men shared a cabin and became firm friends.

"Le Corbu" had yet to put into practice his belief that building should go upwards instead of spreading outwards, and that its principal elements were "sky, space, trees, steel and cement, in that order".

In 1948, when M Claudius-Petit became Minister for Reconstruction and Urbanization, he decided to see if his friend's theories could be put into practice. The result was the Cité Radieuse, a town for 1,600 people under one roof set in an eight-acre park.

When in 1953 M Claudius-Petit became Mayor of Firminy, a mining and industrial town in the Loire, he called on his friend to design Firminy-Vert, a new town to house the growing population.

So Le Corbusier designed a *unité d'habitation*, an Olympic-sized stadium and swimming pool, an astonishing boat-shaped *maison de la Culture et de la Jeunesse* and a church.

The church, however, is still only a building site. Work on it resumed just before Christmas but another 2.5m francs (£280,000) are needed to finish it.

The church, St Pierre de Firminy-Vert, is Le Corbusier's last work and its detailed plans were finished only just before he died in August, 1965. When work began it was found that underground mining had made the site unsafe, so all provisional estimates of cost were hopelessly low. The building company involved went bankrupt, although not as a result of its work on the church.

M Claudius-Petit, who in 1971 lost the municipal election at Firminy, still battles on to try to raise the necessary money. Last Saturday a sale was organized at the Pompidou Centre in Paris with a donated collection of over 80 paintings and sculptures by modern artists under the hammer. It was hoped to raise a million francs, but in fact scarcely half that amount was realized.

The main reason for the poor result appears to be that the tax authorities have not agreed to charge only a 1.5 per cent tax on the proceeds as would be the case for a charity donation.

Hopes of completing the church soon now rest on the ability of the fund raisers to sell plans to build a replica Le Corbusier house in the United States.

Threat to occupy Notre Dame

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, March 3

Roman Catholic traditionalists have been urged by one of their leaders to occupy Notre Dame Cathedral for eight hours on Sunday. Father Louis Coache has written to the Archbishop of Paris, Cardinal Marty, warning him of the planned occupation.

In a tract distributed to his followers, Father Coache asks them to arrive individually, wearing no identifying badge but carrying pocket torches, at about 4 pm. This is just before the time when, on each Sunday in Lent this year, a broadcast address is being given.

The threatened occupation has been condemned by Mgr Ducaud-Bourget, the leader of the traditionalists who have been occupying the Church of St Nicholas du Chardonnet for the past year.

Neither Cardinal Marty nor the City of Paris, which owns the cathedral structure, has yet said whether they plan to do anything to prevent an occupation.

Murder on border

Geneva, March 3.—A policeman was found shot dead today in an abandoned house in the Jura region. It is thought he may have been killed by persons making a clandestine crossing of the Swiss-French frontier.

Islanders end strike

Isle of Linosa, March 3.—The 400 inhabitants of this Italian island today ended a three-day blockade and strike in protest against Signor Robert Mander, a suspected left-wing guerrilla, being exiled among them.

Full text of Rhodesian internal settlement agreement

Salisbury, March 3.—The full text of the internal settlement agreement signed in Salisbury today by Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, and black nationalist leaders is as follows:

Whereas the present constitutional situation in Rhodesia has led to the imposition of economic and other sanctions by the international community against Rhodesia and to armed conflict within Rhodesia and from neighbouring territories;

And whereas it is necessary in the interests of our country that an agreement should be reached that would lead to the termination of such sanctions and the cessation of the armed conflict;

And whereas, in an endeavour to reach such an agreement, delegates from the Rhodesian Government, African National Council (Sithole), United African National Council and Zimbabwe United People's Organization have met during the last two months in Salisbury and, having discussed fully the proposals put forward by the various delegations, have reached agreement on certain fundamental principles to be embodied in a new constitution that will lead to the termination of the aforementioned sanctions and the cessation of the armed conflict.

Now, therefore:

A. It is hereby agreed that a constitution will be drafted and enacted which will provide for majority rule on the basis of universal adult suffrage on the following terms:

1. There will be a legislative assembly consisting of 100 members and the following provisions will apply thereto:

(a) There will be a common voters roll with all citizens of 18 years and over being eligible for registration as voters, subject to certain recognized disqualifications.

(b) 72 of the seats in the legislative assembly will be reserved for blacks who will be elected by voters who are enrolled on the common roll.

(c) 28 of the seats in the legislative assembly will be reserved for whites (ie Europeans as defined in the 1969 constitution) who will be elected as follows:

(i) 20 will be elected on a preferential voting system by white voters who are enrolled on the common roll;

(ii) Eight will be elected by voters who are enrolled on the common roll from 16 candidates who will be nominated, in the case of the first parliament, by an electoral college composed of the white members of the present House of Assembly and, in the case of any subsequent parliament, by an electoral college composed of the 28 white who are members of the Parliament dissolved immediately prior to the general election.

(d) The reserved seats referred to in (c) above shall be retained for a period of at least 10 years or of two parliaments, whichever is the longer, and shall be reviewed at the expiration of that period, at which time a commission shall be appointed, the chairman of which shall be a judge of the High Court, to undertake this review. If that commission recommends that the arrangements regarding the said reserved seats should be changed.

(i) An amendment to the constitution to effect such change may be made by a Bill which receives the affirmative votes of not less than 51 members;

(ii) The said Bill shall also provide that the 72 seats referred to in (b) above shall not be reserved for blacks.

(e) The members filling the seats referred to in (c) above will be prohibited from forming a coalition with any single minority party for the purpose of forming a government.

2. There will be a just declaration of rights which will protect the rights and freedoms of individuals and, *inter alia*, will provide for protection from deprivation of property unless adequate compensation is paid promptly, and for protection of pension rights of persons who are members of pension funds.

3. The independence and qualifications of the judiciary will be entrenched and judges will have security of tenure.

4. There will be an independent public services board, the members of which will have security of tenure. The board will be responsible for appointments to, promotions in, and discharges from, the public service.

5. The public service, police force, defence forces and prison service will be maintained in a high state of efficiency and free from political interference.

6. Pensions which are payable from the Consolidated Revenue Fund will be guaranteed and charged on the Consolidated Revenue Fund and will be remittable outside the country.

7. Citizens who at present are entitled to dual citizenship will not be deprived of their present entitlement.

8. The above mentioned provisions will be set out or provided for in the constitution and will be regarded as specially entrenched provisions which may only be amended by a Bill which receives the affirmative votes of not less than 78 members.

B. It is hereby also agreed that, following the agreement set out above, the next step will be the setting up of a transitional government. The prime function of the transitional government will be:

(a) To bring about a ceasefire, and

(b) To deal with related matters such as:

(i) The composition of the future military forces, including those members of the nationalist forces who wish to take up a military career, and the rehabilitation of others;

(ii) The rehabilitation of those affected by the war.

C. It is also hereby agreed that it will be the duty of the transitional government to determine and deal with the following matters:

(a) The release of detainees;

(b) The review of sentences for offences of a political character;

(c) The further removal of discrimination;

(d) The creation of a climate conducive to the holding of free and democratic elections;

(e) The drafting of the new constitution in terms of this agreement;

(f) Procedures for registration of voters with a view to the holding of a general election at the earliest possible date.

D. It is also hereby agreed that the transitional government will comprise an Executive Council and a Ministerial Council and the following provisions will apply thereto:

1. Executive Council.

(a) Composition:

The Executive Council will be composed of the Prime Minister and three black ministers, being the heads of those delegations engaged in the negotiations. The members will take turns in presiding as chairman of the Executive Council in such sequence and for such period as that council may determine. Decisions of the Executive Council will be by consensus.

(b) Functions:

(i) The Executive Council will be responsible for ensuring that the functions given to, and the duties imposed on, the transitional government by the constitutional agreement are dealt with as expeditiously as possible. It will take policy decisions in connexion with the preparation and drafting of the new constitution and the other matters set out in sections B and C of this agreement and with any other matters which may arise.

(ii) The Executive Council may refer the matters set out in sections B and C of this agreement, or any other matter, to the Ministerial Council for examination and recommendation.

(iii) The Executive Council will review decisions or recommendations of the Ministerial Council and may confirm such decisions or recommendations or refer them back to the Ministerial Council for further consideration.

2. Ministerial Council.

(a) Composition:

The Ministerial Council will be composed of equal numbers of black and white ministers. The black ministers will be nominated in equal proportions by the heads of those delegations engaged in the negotiations. The white ministers will be nominated by the Prime Minister. The chairmanship of the Ministerial Council will alternate between black and white ministers. The Prime Minister will nominate which white minister shall take the chair and the heads of those delegations engaged in the negotiations will nom which of the black ministers take the chair in the sequence for the period determined by Ministerial Council.

(b) Functions:

(i) The Ministerial Council operate on the Cabinet sy For each portfolio, or grou portfolios, there will be a b and a white minister who share responsibility.

(ii) The Ministerial Council be responsible for initiating l lation and for supervising preparation of such legislatio may be directed by the Exec Council.

(iii) The Ministerial Co will make recommendations t Executive Council on all ma referred to it by the Exec Council and on any other m it thinks fit.

(iv) Decisions of the Minist Council will be by majority and subject to review by Executive Council.

3. Parliament.

(a) Parliament will continu function during the life of transitional government and meet for the folowing purp as and when the Executive C cil considers it should be moned;

(i) To pass a Constit Amendment Act enabling sters who have not been el to Parliament to serve for pe in excess of four months;

(ii) To pass legislation fo registration of voters;

(iii) To pass the 1978-79 bu

(iv) To enact any legislati deal with any other m brought forward by the n tional government (eg, for further removal of discri tion);

(v) To enact the new con tion;

(vi) To nominate 16 white election by voters on the com roll to eight of the seats res for whites.

(b) The work of the va select committees and of Senate legal comittee will ceed as normal.

E. It is also hereby agreed independence day shall be D ber 31, 1978.

Signed at Salisbury this day of March, 1978.—Reuter

Printers' strike hits more German papers

From Our Own Correspondent
Bonn, March 3

Most of West Germany was without newspapers today as a dispute between printers and publishers over new computerized techniques intensified.

Many printing works were closed by strikes and lockouts and others did not publish out of solidarity. The printing union, IG Druck, announced further strikes over the weekend.

The union is trying to exert pressure on the publishers to resume negotiations on wages and working conditions when the new video and computerized techniques for processing newspaper copy are installed.

The three employers' organizations abandoned the negotiations after the union, under pressure from its rank and file, rejected a draft agreement which its leaders had worked out with employers and submitted their own proposal instead.

France threatens retaliation over increased EEC tax

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, March 3

France today threatened to take national measures to offset the refusal of the European Commission to agree to freeze until March 20 any increase in the border taxes and subsidies applied to French agricultural trade with the rest of the EEC. A Commission spokesman gave a warning that such measures would be "a clear infringement" of the Rome Treaty.

The freeze was requested earlier this week by M Pierre Mehaignerie, the French Agriculture Minister, in what was seen here as a blatant attempt to curry favour with the French farming community before the French general elections on March 12 and 19.

The taxes and subsidies, known as monetary compensatory amounts (MCAs), are adjusted every Monday to take account of currency fluctuations during the previous week, the purpose of the MCAs being to shield the EEC system of common agricultural prices from the effect of such fluctuations.

M Mehaignerie had argued that the franc's recent decline, particularly against the Deutsche Mark, was an erratic movement. But the Commission today dismissed this argument, and announced an increase in the French MCA rate, along with those of Britain, Italy and Ireland.

In France, the MCA acts as a tax on the country's substantial agricultural exports and as a subsidy on its much smaller imports. So any increase in the MCA reduces French farmers' export earnings and increases competition from farm imports.

The French Government is reported to have said that for a week from next Monday it will not allow food imports into the country carrying an an MCA higher than the current rate of 21.5 per cent.

OVERSEAS

Russia accuses Japan of rousing 'revanchist' feelings by ignoring its friendship pact offer

From Michael Binyon
Moscow, March 3

The Japanese Government was accused by *Pravda* today of closing its eyes to reality on the question of the Soviet-administered islands claimed by Japan.

The Japanese Government, the newspaper said, was using the issue to stir up nationalist feelings and "revanchist illusions" among its people. But the people and the press were broadly in favour of good relations with the Soviet Union, and of the friendship treaty proposed by Moscow in January.

Japanese leaders, *Pravda* went on, were trying to impose on the public their own negative interpretation of the Soviet Union's peaceful initiative.

The Government had launched anti-Soviet attacks, maintaining that the Russians aimed at isolating Japan from other countries such as the United States and China. But Japan's interests were not confrontation with the Soviet Union but friendship and good relations.

The Russians have refused to discuss any change in the sovereignty of the string of islands north of Hokkaido, the southern group of which were occupied by Russia in 1945. This territorial issue has dogged Soviet-Japanese relations ever since.

The Russians were put out by the Japanese Government's official refusal even to look at the treaty of good neighbourliness and cooperation proposed by the Russians to the Japanese Foreign Minister when he visited Moscow in January.

The proposed treaty contains no mention of the territorial issue, and Japan's attitude is that a full peace treaty dealing with this issue must precede any treaty of friendship.

Last week the Russians took the unusual step of publishing the text of the proposed treaty the day after President Brezhnev had written to Mr Takeo Fukuda, the Japanese Prime Minister, on the matter.

The proposed treaty is not a peace treaty, though it affirms the need to work towards one. The 14-point draft says that both countries shall settle disputes exclusively by peaceful means, refraining from threats of using force against each other.

Neither country shall allow the use of its territory for any action that could prejudice the security of the other, nor shall it do anything to encourage any third party to take aggressive action against either of them—a clear reference to Japan's efforts to sign a treaty with China.

Both sides shall maintain regular contacts, informing each other promptly in case of danger. They shall encourage bilateral trade, scientific and technical cooperation and the development of cultural relations.

The key article 12 says that the Soviet Union and Japan "do not recognize anyone's claims to domination in Asia and in the Far East". This Soviet version of an anti-hegemony clause is a clear attempt to preempt any such clause in whatever peace treaty Japan might negotiate with China.

The draft also says that the treaty "is not directed against any third country".

Izvestia said last week that such a treaty would not, as Japanese critics maintained, shelve the question of a final peace treaty, but would rather improve the chances of one, as it "would contribute to a deepening of mutual trust".

India rejects plan for Concorde flights

From Richard Wigg
Delhi, March 3

The Indian Government has rejected a British proposal that *Concorde*, the Anglo-French supersonic airliner, should be allowed to fly over the Indian mainland provided compensation were paid for any damage to persons or property caused by supersonic flights.

Mr A. B. Vajpayee, the Minister of External Affairs, indicated this today in a written reply to a parliamentary question.

Mr Callaghan, the British Prime Minister, when he visited India early in January, is believed to have obtained the agreement of Mr Desai, the Indian Prime Minister, to consider the compensation proposal as a possible way round India's refusal, which was conveyed last autumn.

Subsequently, a team of British officials visited Delhi with proposals for a variety of possible routes, such as flying over Madhya Pradesh, central India, which has large stretches sparsely populated.

The Indian Cabinet, it now transpires, decided not to allow the Concorde flights before it had received a report on these talks from its officials.

Mr Vajpayee today reiterated the Indian position that it was following the example of several European and other governments of withholding permission for flights over densely populated areas.

Miri, Malaysia: Talks between Malaysia and Britain on the suspended London-Singapore Concorde service will resume in Kuala Lumpur soon, Mr Donald Hawley, the British High Commissioner to Malaysia, said in Miri today.

The service was suspended in December because of Malaysia's objections to the use of its air space for supersonic flights.—Reuter.



General Zia ul-Haq, Pakistan's ruler, pays a hospital visit to Abdul Malik, a retired Army officer injured by a grenade while overpowering the hijacker of a jumbo jet.

Japanese count cost of killing dolphins

From Peter Hazelhurst
Tokyo, March 3

Japanese fishermen have discovered that it does not pay to slaughter dolphins.

The Katsumoto Fisheries Association, the cooperative responsible for the slaughter last week of more than 1,000 bottle-nose dolphins, announced today that it had lost £45,000 on the operation.

The hunt, in which 920 fishermen drove the dolphins into a shallow bay and clubbed them to death on a beach, cost a total of £48,000. Only a fraction of the expense will be offset by the bounty of £6 granted by the Nagasaki provincial government for each dolphin killed.

The fuel costs of ships which were used to herd the dolphins into the bay amounted to £7,000 and the cooperative then had to spend nearly £1,000 to hire cranes and bulldozers to bury many of the dead mammals on the blood-drenched beach.

But the fishermen on the island of Iki claim that they had to slaughter them because an estimated 300,000 dolphins off the coast are threatening to destroy local fishing grounds.

Reacting to the storm of protest in London and New York a spokesman for the Japanese Foreign Ministry pointed out today that the authorities were not armed with any laws or regulations to ban the killing of the dolphins.

He said: "This was an unfortunate incident which is detrimental to Japan's image. We have received many letters and telegrams of protest from around the world. But people should understand that the killing of dolphins was the last resort for the fisherman.

"They fish with lanterns at night and the dolphins swarm around their boats devouring the catch of cuttle-fish and yellow tail. Their livelihood was at stake."

Many Japanese have been bewildered by the outburst of protests in Western capitals. In letters to newspapers they claim that animal lovers in the West do not understand the situation. "Do they want the fishermen to die of starvation?" one reader of the *Asahi Shimbun* asked.

Another letter said animal lovers in Britain wanted to deprive Japanese fishermen of their livelihood in order to save the dolphin while "members of the British Royal Family encourage blood sports such as fox-hunting".

Mrs Yasutane Soma, a director of the Japan Animal Welfare Society, said today that her organization would try to persuade the Government to ban the killing of dolphins

Amnesty concern for Soviet workers

British trade unions and Labour MPs are planning protests to the Soviet Union after studying reports about violations of the rights of ordinary working people in Russia.

The reports, received by Amnesty International, record scores of cases of persecution. Russians who have complained repeatedly about such matters as unfair dismissal or unsafety at work.

They show how people have been put in psychiatric hospitals for complaining. The same punishment has been given to those trying to form an independent trade union.

Mining MPs and the miners' union are considering action, partly because one of the persons, whose persecution is recorded in the Amnesty report, is a miner.

The reason why Amnesty and trade unions feel the report is so important is that it represents the first stand by ordinary working Russians on classic labour issues.

The reports, received by Amnesty at the end of last month, were sent by a recently formed group called The Association of Free Trade Unions of Workers in the Soviet Union.

Amnesty suggests that the group was formed at a chance meeting of people in the offices of Moscow authorities, where they had gone to complain about wrongful dismissal and other work-related issues.

Their first collective action appears to have been in May, 1975.

Amnesty says it is approaching trade unions round the world, asking them to intercede.

Exile ended for 12 Chile politicians

From Our Correspondent
Santiago, March 3

President Pinochet last night ended the exile of 12 Christian Democratic Party leaders, who were sent to the north of Chile on January 13.

They had been detained for holding a meeting which the Government said was "political" and therefore in breach of the ban on political activities imposed by the military regime.

Three former Christian Democratic members of parliament—Señor Tomás Reyes, Señor Andrés Aylwin and Señor Belisario Velasco—and a student leader, Señor Guillermo Yunge, in whose office the meeting was held, as well as union leaders and two officials of a foundation sponsored by the Archbishop of Santiago, were sent to villages in the Altiplano until January 26. After that, as a result of a habeas corpus writ submitted to the Court of Appeal, they were moved to Africa.

The exile was considered by the Christian Democratic Party as "an act of vengeance" because of its call for a "No" vote in a referendum organized by President Pinochet.

7,000 troops in attempt to free kidnapped colonel

Zamboanga City, March 3.—The Philippines Air Force today bombed a Muslim rebel stronghold on Jolo island supporting an army assault against 3,000 rebels under the command of Mr Usman Sali.

Military sources said that the rebels there were holding Colonel Simeon Perez hostage for a $35,700 (£17,800) ransom.

Mr Sali, one of the most powerful commanders of the Moro National Liberation Front, has a $70,000 price on his head in connexion with the massacre of a general and 35 other officers and men during a peace meeting in October last year in a Jolo market place.

About 7,000 government troops, supported by the air strike, were taking part in the assault against Mr Sali's forces, one of the biggest operations of the five-year war in the south of the Philippines.

Military sources said that 14 army battalions of the Philippines Constabulary and Marines were taking part in the action.

Negotiations for the release of Colonel Perez broke down after his son, who was taking part in them, was killed in an ambush last Sunday.

Marcos pledge: President Marcos has announced that he will relinquish his legislative powers under martial law to the interim Legislative Assembly after the general election on April 7.

He said in a speech in Manila yesterday that the Assembly would become the sole legislative authority during a transition period to a parliamentary form of government.—Agence France-Presse and Reuter.

New job for Tass chief

Moscow, March 3.—Mr Leonid Zamyatin, director-general of the Soviet news agency Tass since 1970, has been moved to another post. It was understood he would be working in the international department of the Communist Party's Central Committee.

Cambodians accused

Singapore, March 3.—Vietnam today accused Cambodia of continuing to launch military operations deep into Vietnamese territory and shelling densely populated areas. Hanoi radio said this was despite Vietnam's peace plan put forward a month ago.

Romania wants to amend Belgrade declaration

From Our Correspondent
Belgrade, March 3

The Romanian delegation at the Belgrade security conference today called for steps to be taken concerning military aspects of détente in Europe, and thus appeared to have introduced an issue which might delay agreement on the final declaration which both East and West have accepted after many weeks of deadlock.

The Romanians, who had indicated last week that they would not subscribe to an empty document, introduced an amendment covering such matters as prior notification of military manoeuvres and troop movements.

They received strong support from Spain and Yugoslavia. But Western diplomats think it unlikely that the Romanian proposals will be accepted. It is still expected that the conference will wind up by March 10, if a consensus is reached within the next day or two.

Congress rivals turn down Mrs Gandhi's demands

From Our Own Correspondent
Delhi, March 3

Mrs Gandhi's uncompromising demands have torpedoed a first attempt to bring the two wings of the Congress Party together to form the Maharashtra state government in Bombay. Further efforts were being made today.

The former Prime Minister wanted to nominate her own deputy Chief Minister to the state government, obtain half the Cabinet posts for her supporters and reserve to herself an arbiter's role in the event of disputes.

Mr V. D. Patil, the outgoing Chief Minister, who comes from the "official" wing of the party, insisted on staying at his post. He flew back to Bombay today after the talks with Mrs Gandhi broke down.

Mrs Gandhi's group won 62 seats in the state elections last weekend. The "official" Congress obtained 69.

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Saturday Review

Desire on a Streetcar

by P N Furbank



Mohammed el Adl

In November 1915 E. M. Forster went to Alexandria to serve in the Red Cross, expecting to be gone for three months and in fact remaining there for the rest of the war. His work was to interview the wounded in hospital for information about fellow-soldiers reported "missing". He found that it suited him, and so did Alexandria—a cosmopolitan and epicurean city in total contrast to England, hag-ridden by the war. A Cambridge friend of his, R. A. Furness (1883-1954), ran the Press Censorship Department in Alexandria, and through him Forster acquired a polyglot circle of friends, including the poet Cavafy. He also—as related in the following extract—began a love affair with an Egyptian, a conductor on the Alexandrian trams.

Irene: Forster's Greek landlady.

Florence Barger: Forster's closest woman friend, wife of his Cambridge contemporary George Barger.

Dickinson: G. Lowes Dickinson (1862-1932), author of *The Greek View of Life* etc and a close friend of Forster's.

Carpenter: Edward Carpenter (1844-1929), author of *Towards Democracy* etc and pioneer of the "Simple Life".

Mrs Borchgrevink: Aida Borchgrevink, a friend of Forster's in Alexandria; widow of a Norwegian judge.

Shuttleworth: Lawrence Shuttleworth, a friend whom Forster had got to know in 1914. He had enlisted as a trooper, and the two had recently met again in Egypt.

From time to time on the Ramleh tram, he had noticed the conductor, a young, slightly negroid-looking Egyptian, and had felt faintly attracted. It struck him how carefully the young man threaded his way through the passengers, not trampling on their feet as was the general custom. Once, too, he observed him laughing with a soldier, and, as the two parted, holding one after another of the buttons on the soldier's uniform, as a kind of farewell. It struck him as rather charming. Then, one cold night as he was returning by tram to Irene's, the same conductor politely asked him to get up, as his coat was under Forster's seat. Forster was equally polite; and from now on, when they met on the tram, they half saluted each other. It was still nothing at all; but one evening the following March (1917), when Forster proffered his fare, the Egyptian said earnestly: "You shall never pay! If you do not want that piastre in your hand, throw it into the road, or give it to some poor person as a charitable action. I will not have it." Forster, perplexed, inquired why, and the conductor reminded him of the coat incident—he said he had not expected so much courtesy from an Englishman. Forster was greatly intrigued and took the same tram next evening and again on the following one, hoping to see him, though without success; and before long he was spending hours every evening at the tram stop. Eventually the desired tram and conductor appeared. He got on, the two chatted, and Forster offered a cigarette, receiving the reply, "I seldom smoke—my Ministry of Finance does not permit it". At this Forster, scenting a request for a tip, made an awkward little scene, insisting on paying his fare and making the conductor keep the change. The young man closed his fist, so that the coins scattered, and both had to get down on their knees to retrieve them. When at last the conductor, sulkily, had pocketed them, Forster said brightly: "Now you can buy an English book". "The sum is too small", answered the Egyptian coldly.

Soon after this, the conductor saved Forster further loitering at tram stops by telling him his hours; and now they frequently met and chatted. One day the Egyptian said to Forster: "I want to ask you a question, which please answer truly, sir. Why do English people dislike Mohammedans?" "They don't", said Forster, with a twinge of guilt. "They do, because I heard one soldier say to another in the tram, 'That's a mosque for fucking (I beg your pardon) Mohammedans'".

"They were joking, I think."

"You think—you are not sure."

"No, I am sure. One of my greatest friends is a Mohammedan. I went to India to see him."

"That must have cost a great deal of money. With what you spent seeing your friend you could have bought many friends in England. You can get friends if you have money: except one or two."

"But I enjoyed the travelling."

"You would have been better employed at home making some useful invention, I think."

Their running dispute over Forster's fare ended in a crisis. One day an Inspector found Forster without a ticket and questioned the conductor, who made up some story that Forster was authorized to travel free. There was a violent altercation, in Arabic; and when finally the Inspector alighted, the conductor told Forster he was to be dismissed. "But that's too awful, too appalling", protested Forster. "Why so? I have performed a good action", said the young man, with dignity: adding, to make conversation: "Please answer me a question. When you went to India, how many miles was it?" "I don't know or care!" cried Forster. "Whenever shall I see you again?" The conductor said, doubtfully, that perhaps they could meet one evening if Forster would wear civilian clothes.

Forster was now much keyed up and went next day to Furness for advice. By good fortune Furness knew the Manager of the trams, who was under an obligation to him, and by midday he could report that the matter of the fare could be arranged. He was nervous, however, and urged Forster not to pursue the friendship—advice which Forster decided to ignore. He went to seek out the conductor with his good news, and the Egyptian, convinced that Forster had been to see the Manager himself, thanked him gravely. Forster once more asked if they could meet some evening. He replied: "Any time any place, any hour!" and they arranged a rendezvous at the Nouzha Gardens, on the outskirts of the city.

The Egyptian was there at the appointed time, smartly dressed and self-assured, and they found a bench. Forster, still imagining that bribes and gifts were required, had come furnished with chocolate and a large bag of sticky cakes. The Egyptian nibbled at these with disfavour (he told Forster later he thought they might be drugged) and remarked: "I do not care for cakes. What did you pay for them?" Forster said he couldn't remember. "No? How many centuries ago did you buy them? Next time you will put me to a similar expense." Forster quoted the Greek proverb that "The possessions of friends are in common", but the Egyptian received this cynically. A little while later, he said, with a plunge: "Would you like to see my Home of Misery? It will be *dreadful*." This entailed a lengthy tram journey, and the Egyptian, forgetting his disapproval of the cakes, amused himself by handing them round among the passengers.

His room was very poor and bare, but they squatted on the bed and chatted amicably. The Egyptian told Forster his name, Mohammed el Adl, and one or two more facts about himself—that he had been born at Mansourah, a town in the Delta, and had learnt English at the American Mission school. His parents were still in Mansourah. "But I have always ate apart and lived apart and thought apart. Perhaps I am not my father's son." Then, with another odd plunge, he insisted on showing Forster all his possessions, even turning out the contents of his trunk, exclaiming as he did so: "Very little, but all clean!" Forster thought this a good omen. As they were parting, the Egyptian said: "This is the very happiest evening of my life."

They met again soon at the Home of Misery, and Forster met some of Mohammed's friends—a Syrian widwife, and a young Egyptian who ran a matrimonial agency—conversing with them in Italian. As he left, Mohammed said gravely "I have the honour to ask your name", and Forster told him, though not what he did for a living.

On the next occasion, Mohammed came to Forster's room in Ramleh. They played chess and lay on the bed, and after a little while they leaned towards each other and began to stroke each other's hair. Mohammed murmured, "Beautiful hair", and they kissed. Things now went wrong for Forster, growing excited, made too fierce a grab at Mohammed, and there was a scuffle, during which Forster hurt his hand and Mohammed hurt his eye. It was not a serious quarrel and next day, encountering on the tram, they compared their injuries and laughed.

Their next meeting, in the Home of Misery, was a more serious crisis, for Forster got it into his head that Mohammed was trying to insult him. He rose to leave, in a fury, glaring angrily at Mohammed. Mohammed, puzzled, said: "What do you expect me to tell you?"—to which Forster replied: "Let us be friendly when we meet on the trams, but we can never meet outside again." His anger soon cooled. It was, he wrote to Florence Barger, "curiously like Maurice towards the end of the book. I have found it so hard to believe he was neither traitor or cad." Soon after this Mohammed was summoned to Mansourah, where his mother was dying. Forster, on his return, treated him with great gentleness and understanding, and this cemented their friendship. From now on it was understood that they would meet regularly.

Mohammed had a talent for friendship and found the right approaches with Forster. For one thing, from the start, he addressed him as "Forster", which struck the desired note of comradeship; Forster first took it for naiveté, then came to the conclusion it was conscious tact. For another thing, Mohammed steadfastly refused gifts, so that Forster began to lose his embarrassment over money. His riches and Mohammed's poverty became a standing joke between them. Mohammed would take hold of Forster's sleeve, which was grubby, saying: "You know, Forster, though I am poorer than you, I would never be seen in such a coat. I am not blaming you. No. I praise you. But I would never be seen so. And your hat has a hole, and your boot has a hole, and your socks have a hole. . . ." Forster would promise improvement, but Mohammed would say no, clothes were an infectious disease: "I had much better not care, and look like you, and so perhaps I will, but not in Alexandria." They discussed the British character, and Mohammed, who on his tram had suffered many rudenesses from the British, was tolerant, holding that some British were good and others bad. Just about this time he had a fracas with a British officer. Mohammed had asked him either to get on the tram or off it, at which the officer had hit him with his cane. Despite this he remained tolerant.

They were not able to meet very often. And, to complicate matters, Forster's landlady, Irene, seemed to disapprove of Mohammed—when she first saw him in Forster's room she had given a little scream. It made Forster feel he could no longer have Mohammed to his flat; and then a brother came to stay with Mohammed, so they had no privacy in his room either. All that was left them was the public resorts, and they would meet at one or other of these once or twice a week. Mohammed was very accommodating, and agreed it would not be wise for them to be seen too often together.

For some time, he refused to go to bed with Forster. "Never, never!" he exclaimed on one occasion: then he turned Forster's head away, saying "I want to ask you a question. Do you never consider that your wish has led you to know a tram-conductor? And do you not think that a pity to you and a disgrace? While answering my question you are not to look at me." Eventually he relented: and from now on, from time to time, they found the chance to spend a night together. Forster's happiness was now complete, and he determined to be grateful for his good fortune. "Wish I was writing the latter half of *Maurice*. I now know so much more", he told Florence Barger. "It is awful to think of the thousands who go through youth without ever knowing. I have known in a way before, but never like this. My luck has been amazing."

It was the realization of all his secret ambitions. He had, or so he felt, broken through the barriers of class and colour; and this had been the fruit of courage and persistency—of that "athletic love", or taking trouble over relationships—which he had often preached. "It isn't happiness", he wrote to Florence Barger (1 June, 1917); "it's rather—offensive phrase—that I first feel a grown up man."

I felt the crisis coming just as I felt that very minor and grotesque episode coming last year.—This isn't a superstitious expression: it means that you feel faculties developing in you to grasp anything that comes. The practical difficulties—there is a big racial and social gulf—are great: but when you are offered affection, honesty and intelligence with all that you can possibly want in externals thrown in (including a delightful sense of humour), you surely have to take it or die spiritually.

Florence was thrilled by the romance and responded to his weekly letters with ardent advice, and other friends in England, like Dickinson, Carpenter and Lytton Strachey, wrote applaudingly. "Your situation sounds all that could be wished". Strachey told him: "though I suppose you may suppress the drawbacks. And perhaps you exaggerate the Romance—for my benefit—or your own." Forster longed for a confidant to talk to, but there seemed none in Alexandria. Furness, the likeliest choice, still seemed alarmed and unwilling to be involved. Indeed, Forster felt he was no longer such an object of interest to his friends like Furness and Mrs Borchgrevink, as he had been at the time of the CO affair. Partly for this reason, he began to feel alienated from his own class. "Our table manners remain identical, but little else", he told Carpenter (22 July, 1917); and in a letter to Dickinson (5 May, 1917) he gave him what he called a "helpful tip":

You can remain a patriot if you will become a snob. Realize that the lower class, not the middle, is the typical Englishman, and you can love our race without difficulty. Officers, stockbrokers, politicians, grocers—they run us, but they are not England numerically, and their self righteousness is not our national characteristic. Shuttleworth and I have decided to be snobs. We shrink, consciously, from such people, just as they shrink unconsciously from the lower class whom we love. We want to pretend we shrink from no one. But it's no good. Middle class people smell.

Mohammed earned a miserable wage on the trams, two shillings or so a day, and Forster decided he must help him find a better job. He made cautious inquiries among his friends, cursing the fact that he could not be more open, but could hear of nothing in Alexandria. Eventually, however, Furness, who had been moved to Cairo, found an opening for Mohammed with the army in the Canal Zone. It was a species of low-level "intelligence" work. Mohammed was cynical when he heard of it: "In other words, I am to be a spy?" However, he could hardly refuse, nor did Forster feel he could ask him to. Thus the fact had to be faced that they would be separated, and in war conditions there was no telling when they might meet again. They planned a farewell holiday, but were balked of this too, and late in October Mohammed left for the Canal.

So endless did the war seem, he half felt that he might never see England again—or at least that, before he did so, he might somehow find his way to India. Home began to seem unreal—



E. M. Forster in Alexandria

the more so that, in his letters home, he had to watch himself continually to keep out hints of Mohammed. None the less, he followed his mother's doings anxiously, and implored Florence to keep an eye on her. Maimie Aylward fell ill and was clearly dying, and Lily, who went to Salisbury to nurse her, wanted Maimie to spend her last days in Weybridge. Hearing this, Forster told her to empty his study and sell his furniture, so as to make an extra bedroom. Further, guessing that she was short of money, he even urged her to sell his typewriter. He struggled to imagine England, with its air-raids and food-queues, and for a time, out of an impulse of solidarity, made a principle of refusing dinner-invitations. Nevertheless, he told Florence Barger (14 May 1918), it was as if Mohammed had "fallen like some lovely cloud" between himself and the war. "Were he to rise I should see it again. He has hidden my home life too."

Mohammed got a few days' leave in May 1918 and came to see Forster in Alexandria. Forster was still convinced he could not have him to his flat. He told Florence Barger that it would be different if his landlady were disobliging: "But when a perfect person turns odd and huffed you have to notice it." Florence asked him why he didn't simply move. But this he was not inclined to do, so he and Mohammed had to meet where they could, at the house of Mohammed's friend the matrimonial agent, or on a hillside near Mex, where they sat "as Maurice and Clive sat at Cambridge". Forster told Mohammed he should give up his job and come back to Alexandria and take an allowance from himself till he found work, but Mohammed refused. He said, philosophically: "Two days have passed like two minutes, yet I think perhaps it is best so, for if I walk with the same friend every day I have sometimes wanted another. Now we shall again be anxious for one another for six months and then have this time of happiness."

Shortly afterwards, Mohammed did in fact give up his job, to avoid signing on for the duration; and it so happened that, at about the same time, his father died and his brother was drowned in a bathing accident. As a consequence, he inherited the family house at Mansourah and a little money—just enough to consider setting up in business. The best possibility seemed to be the cotton trade—that is to say, buying cotton in the villages for sale in the Cairo market. He had a prospective partner who, Mohammed told Forster, "I think cannot pull Mohammed's leg". Forster offered to lend him £70 capital, and, after some pressing, he accepted—also sending Forster on various business errands in Alexandria, such as inquiring the current price of cotton-bags. Being now a householder, Mohammed also decided to get married. His first idea was that he should marry his brother's widow. This fell through but thereupon he quickly found another match.

In July, before the marriage, Forster came to stay with him in the family house. It was a little slum dwelling, in a muddy lane overrun with ducks and chickens, and Mohammed had let most of it; thus they had to live in one room—a room so crammed that, on ent they had to jump straigh to the sofa. To wash, stripped in a grimy floored passage and pour of water over each othe ster told Florence Barg July 1918) that he bless adaptability: "Where w be if I had gone in for 'r ing' things like Plugs Plates?". They spent thei days visiting among M med's friends. Mohamme refused gifts, but they changed various cast-off c and went together to a for Mohammed to be mea for a suit (a little too lar him) which they could p in common. In bed at nigh played the fool like chi Mohammed declaring "M I will hurt you! Edward kill you!" Mohammed high spirits, looking fo he said, to "living as a man in my own paternal h Forster felt happy for hi was not jealous of the c marriage.

Not long after his however, he received a de letter from Mohammed. that he was ill, had been weight and spitting bloo fairly certain had consu "I do not trouble much my illness", he wrote. lieve that only the death relief from this troubl world." He went on wi marriage plans, and the w took place on 1 October but his letters can gloomy; he was ill, his b was doing badly, and h been in trouble with the over selling some bags of cotton. By the last days same month, with the and surrender of Turke ster's Red Cross work m less came to an end, had to tell Mohammed would be leaving Egypt ary. The news added to M med's depression. He I feel very feeble and I a fing for anything to strengt but I have not found a I believe I am growing and thinner . . . I was for a bottle of that oil fish but they ask a great money, moreover it is not from the best kind . . . I looking forward to my ret to my career.

Your miserable friend,
Moh. el Adl.

According to Moham custom, it would not be for Forster to stay with med after his marriage ever, in defiance of came for a farewell vi found things better than feared. Mohammed was ing marriage, claiming fore it "he had not bee world". Forster only glimpses of his wife, but told Florence Barg she was very young, sim charming. He enjoyed her and Mohammed to gether.

She is like some tame a country animal, and he kind to her as to all, but of companionship never have entered his head. differs from the north being unsentimental, and ing his senses apart mind.

He asked Moham obtain him some of the made flutes or panpipes as presents for Florenc dren. To this Moham plied: "Why do you them costlier gifts? take them a pair o tians?"

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Monday 13 March 8 p.m.	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Sir Charles Groves (conductor); Boris Belkin (violin); Berlioz Overture, Roman Carnival; Sibelius Violin Concerto in D minor, Op. 47; Brahms Symphony No. 2 in D, Op. 73. £5.00, £3.50, £3.00, £2.50, £2.00, £1.50, £1.00 In aid of Brit Ort
Tuesday 14 March 8 p.m.	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Hans Vonk (conductor); Michel Beroff (piano); Mendelssohn Scherzo, Nocturne & Wedding March (A Midsummer Night's Dream); Liszt Piano Concerto No. 1 in E flat; Sibelius The Swan of Tuonela; Symphony No. 5 in E flat, Op. 82. £3.85, £3.30, £2.75, £2.20, £1.65, £1.10. RPO Ltd.
Wednesday 15 March 5.55 p.m.	LUIGI FERDINANDO TAGLIAVINI Organ Recital. Frescobaldi Toccata V, Capriccio sopra la Bassa Fiamenga; Scheidt Vars on Allemande; Muffat Toccata VII; A Scarlatti Toccata in A; D Scarlatti 3 Organ Sonatas; Bach Canzona in D minor, BWV 588; Prelude and Fugue in C, BWV 547 60p (unreserved) RFH
Wednesday 15 March 8 p.m.	BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Walter Susskind (conductor), Garrick Ohlsson (piano). Brahms Piano Concerto No. 2 in B flat, Op. 83. Shostakovich Symphony No. 1 in F minor, Op. 10 £3.85, £3.30, £2.75, £2.20, £1.65, £1.10 BBC
Thursday 16 March 8 p.m.	LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Bernard Haitink (conductor); Silvia Marcovici (violin); Mussorgsky Prelude, Khovanshchina; Bruch Violin Concerto No. 1 in G minor, Op. 26; Shostakovich Symphony No. 15 in A, Op. 141 £3.85, £3.30, £2.75, £2.20, £1.65, £1.10 LPO Ltd
Friday 17 March 8 p.m.	In the presence of HRH Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester YOUTH MAKES MUSIC London Suzuki Group, King Edward VI School Choir, London Borough of Waltham Forest Combined Senior High Schools Choirs and Senior Wind Band. Prog. inc. Handel, Vivaldi, Suzuki, Mozart, Britten, Scarlatti £3.00, £2.45, £2.00, £1.75, £1.50 (only) Schools Music Assn.

QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL

Today 4 March 7.45 p.m.	RICHARD BAKER (narrator), Phyllis Tate St. Martha & the Dragon; Mozart Coronation Mass. Barnet & Finchley Choral Socs. Barlow Orch. Suzanne Green, Mary Hamilton, Stuart Horner, Malcolm Singer (soloists) £2.00, £1.75, £1.50, £1.25, £1.00 Helen Jennings
Sunday 5 March 3 p.m.	ALLEGRI STRING QUARTET Patrick Ireland (viola). Haydn String Quartet in F minor, Op. 20 No. 5; Britten String Quartet No. 3; Mozart String Quintet in G minor, K.516 £2.50, £2.10, £1.80, £1.40, £1.00 Van Walsum Summerfield
Sunday 5 March 7.15 p.m.	GIDON KREMER Violin Recital. Telemann Fantasie in E flat; Bach Sonata No. 2; Chaconne (Partita No. 2); Ysaye Sonata No. 3; Stockhausen Zodiac; Schnittke Praeludium; Milstein Paganiniana £2.50, £2.10, £1.80, £1.40, £1.00 Victor Hochhauser Ltd.
Monday 6 March 7.45 p.m.	ALIRIO DIAZ Guitar. Music of the Italian Renaissance by Besenti, Galilei, Molinaro, Frescobaldi; La Frescobalda; Ponce Suite Clasica; Bach/Segovia Chaconne; Lauro Pavane & Theme with Variations £1.75, £2.35, £2.00, £1.50, £1.00 Basil Douglas Ltd.
Tuesday 7 March 7.45 p.m.	ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA ENSEMBLE Malcolm Binns (piano). Mozart Flute Quartet in A, K.298; Kodály Duo for violin and cello, Op. 7; Schubert Quintet in A, D.667 (Trout) £2.00, £1.75, £1.50, £1.25, £1.00 English Chamber Orch. & Music Soc. Ltd.
Wednesday 8 March 7.45 p.m.	LONDON SINFONIETTA London Sinfonietta Chorus Simon Rattle (cond.) E. Ross, S. Walker, T. Allen, C. van Kampen (soloists), R. Baker (narrator) John Tavener Kyklike Kinesis (1st perf.); The Whale £3.00, £1.70, £1.40, 90p Sinfonietta Productions Ltd.
Thursday 9 March 7.45 p.m.	KENNETH VAN BARTHOLD Fortepiano Recital Beethoven Sonata in A, Op. 2 No. 2 Sonata in F minor, Op. 57 (Appassionata) Sonata in E, Op. 109 £2.00, £1.50, £1.00, 75p Kenneth Van Barthold
Friday 10 March 7.45 p.m.	LONDON BACH ORCHESTRA Martindale Sidwell (conductor). Bach Suite No. 1; Vivaldi Concerto in F for 3 violins; Bach Brandenburg Concerto No. 4; Hindemith Trauermusik; Mozart Symphony No. 25 in G minor £2.50, £2.00, £1.75, £1.50, £1.00 London Bach Orchestra
Saturday 11 March 7.45 p.m.	LONDON ORPHEUS CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA James Gaddarn (conductor); Ilse Wolf (soprano); Geoffrey Pogson (tenor); Norman Welsby (bass); Leslie Pearson (organ) Haydn The Creation £2.50, £1.90, £1.50, £1.20 London Orpheus Choir
Sunday 12 March 3 p.m.	PETER FRANKL Piano Recital. Schubert Klavierstücke, D.946; Schumann Etudes in form of free vars. on theme of Beethoven (1st Brit. perf.); Brahms Vars. & Fugue on theme of Handel; 3 Intermezzi; Schubert Fantasy in C (Wanderer) £2.00, £1.50, £1.25, £1.00, 75p Harrison Parrott Ltd.
Sunday 12 March 7.15 p.m.	LARRY ADLER (mouth organ); GERALD ROBBINS (piano) Works by Gershwin, Debussy, Bloch, Stravinsky, Ravel, Chopin, Bartok, Falla, Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninov £2.50, £2.00, £1.50, £1.00, 75p Basil Douglas Ltd.
Monday 13 March 7.45 p.m.	DONG-SUK KANG (violin); Gordon Back (piano); Brahms Sonata Movement; Beethoven Sonata, Op. 47 (Kreutzer); Debussy Sonata; Ysaye Solo Sonata No. 4 in E minor; Shostakovich 6 Preludes, Op. 34; Szymanowski Nocturne & Tarantella £1.80, £1.60, £1.20, 80p John Wright
Tuesday 14 March 7.45 p.m.	AMADEUS QUARTET with Richard Adeney (flute) Mozart String Quartet in G, K.387; Flute Quintet in D, K.285; Flute Quintet in B, K.285b; String Quartet in A, K.464 £3.00, £2.50, £1.60 (all others sold) Ibbs & Tillett
Wednesday 15 March 7.45 p.m.	ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA Murray Perahia (conductor/soloist) Haydn Symphony No. 49 in F minor (La Passione); Mozart Piano Concerto No. 13 in A, K.415; Piano Concerto No. 27 in B flat, K.595 £1.40, £1.00 (all others sold) ECO & MS Ltd.
Thursday 16 March 7.45 p.m.	LASALLE QUARTET The Quartets of the Second Viennese School: Schoenberg Quartet in D, Op. Posth; Webern Quartet Op. 28; Schoenberg Quartet No. 4, Op. 37 £2.50, £2.00, £1.50, £1.00 De Koos Concert Management
Friday 17 March 7.45 p.m.	NEW CHAMBER SOLOISTS John Williams (guitar), Carl Pini (soloist/dir.), Gordon Hunt (oboe). Marcello Oboe Concerto; Giuliani Guitar Concerto in A; Bach Concerto for vln. & oboe £2.50, £2.25, £1.85, £1.25, 95p Conchord Management Ltd.

PURCELL ROOM

Today 4 March 7.30 p.m.	GUILLERMO FIERENS Guitar. Frescobaldi Aria con Variazioni; Weiss Gigue; Paganini Capricci Nos. 9 & 24; Bach Chaconne; Henze Drei Tentos; Ponce Theme & variations; Villa-Lobos Preludio-Estudio; Albeniz Cadiz y Sevilla £1.80, £1.40 (only) Ibbs & Tillett
Monday 6 March 8 p.m.	FRANCIS MONKMAN Harpsichord Recital. Naples and the Spanish Peninsula. Programme includes works by: Alessandro and Domenico Scarlatti, Storace, Valente, Soler, Seixas £1.00, 75p, 50p Kirckman Concert Society Ltd.
Tuesday 7 March 7.30 p.m.	MARIA DE LU PAU Piano Recital. Haydn Andante con Variazioni in F minor; Schumann Carnival Jest from Vienna; Ravel Sonatine in F sharp minor; Brahms 6 piano pieces Op. 118; Prokofiev Sonata No. 5 in A minor, Op 28 £1.80, £1.40, 90p Ibbs & Tillett
Thursday 9 March 7.30 p.m.	SONGMAKERS' ALMANAC Felicity Lott (soprano), Richard Jackson (baritone), Graham Johnson (piano) Wolf Italienisches Liederbuch £1.85, £1.40 (all others sold) Ibbs & Tillett
Friday 10 March 7.30 p.m.	JANE CLARK Harpsichord Recital. Prog. inc. Byrd The Queenes Alman; Glosies Round; Scarlatti 6 sonatas; Cabezon Tiento del Quinto Tono; Diferencias sobre el canto del Caballero; Scarlatti 5 sonatas, works by Frescobaldi £1.80, £1.40, 90p Ibbs & Tillett
Saturday 11 March 7.30 p.m.	THE PIANO PLAYS Great Masters Play Again. A programme including Cortot d'Albert, Hofmann & Gershwin playing Chopin, Brahms, Liszt, Gershwin, etc. Sidney Harrison introduces Concert Grands in Duo-Art recordings £2.00, £1.50, £1.00 Player Piano Group

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL—continued

RAYMOND GUBBAY presents
EASTER SUNDAY, 26 MARCH at 7.15 p.m.
Music of the
STRAUSS FAMILY
LONDON CONCERT ORCHESTRA Conductor: MARCUS DODS
JOY ROBERTS soprano
Programme includes DIE FLEDERMAUS OVERTURE, WINE WOMEN AND SONG, TRITSCH-TRATSCH POLKA, SPERL GALOP, ACCELERATIONS WALTZ, RADETZKY MARCH, BAHN FREI!, LORELEI RHEIN-KLANGE WALTZ, FEUERFEST POLKA, CZECH POLKA, BLUE DANUBE WALTZ, Songs from DIE FLEDERMAUS, etc.
Tickets: £1.40, £2.20, £3.60, £2.90 from Hall (01-928 3191) & Agents.

SUNDAY 2 APRIL at 7.15 p.m.
S. A. Gorlinsky presents
A recital by the distinguished American mezzo-soprano
SANDRA WARFIELD
with
JOHN ATKINS (Piano)
Jonathan Williams (Cello) Richard Deakin (Violin)
Programme includes: BERG: Vier Lieder, Op. 2.
Songs by J. C. BACH, WOLF, BEETHOVEN, MEDTNER, KOECHLIN, CHAUSSON, POULENC.
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PURCELL ROOM
TOMORROW at 3.15 p.m.
VIOLINS, FIDDLES & FOLLIES
SUSAN BAKER
with ANTONY SAUNDERS piano & spinet
£1.25, £1.00, 75p from Box Office (01-928 3191)
Management: Ibbs & Tillett.

Law Society, Chancery Lane. Tuesday, 21st March
JULIAN LLOYD WEBBER
Cello
Simon Nicholls piano
Programme includes cello sonatas by Beethoven and Delius.
Tickets £1.30.

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

VICTOR HOCHHAUSER presents
MONDAY NEXT, at 8
OV., "THE BARBER OF SEVILLE" .... ROSSINI
FANTASIA ON GREENSLEEVES VAUGHAN WILLIAMS
PIANO CONCERTO No. 2 .... RACHMANINOV
"NEW WORLD" SYMPHONY .... DVORAK
ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA
HENRY KRIPS ILAN ROGOFF
£1.00, £1.50, £2.00, £3.50, £5.00, £5.50 from Box Office (01-928 3191) & Agents.

TUESDAY 7 MARCH at 8 p.m.
LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
CLAUDIO ABBADO
Teresa Berganza Ryland Davies John Shirley-Quirk
STRAVINSKY: Firebird Suite
MOZART: Piano Concerto No. 18, K.456
ZOLTAN KOCSIS piano
STRAVINSKY: Pulcinella (complete)
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A Peter Stuyvesant Concert

MAAZEL
conducts
TCHAIKOVSKY: SYMPHONY NO. 5
preceded by
SHOSTAKOVICH: FESTIVAL OVERTURE
PROKOFIEV: VIOLIN CONCERTO NO. 1
Boris Belkin
PHILHARMONIA
Thursday, 9 March at 8 p.m.
£5.85, £3.50, £2.75, £2.30, £1.50, £1.00 from Box Office (01-928 3191) & Agents.

FRIDAY NEXT, 10 MARCH at 8 p.m.
Halle Orchestra
LOUGHRAN/ARGERICH
BEETHOVEN
PIANO CONCERTO No. 1 in C, Op. 15
SYMPHONY No. 3 in E flat, Op. 55 ('EROICA')
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Bach: ST. MATTHEW PASSION
Sung in German. Supper interval 1 hour
BRIAN BURROWS Evangelist RICHARD JACKSON Christus
JENNIFER SMITH MARGARET CABLE
ANTHONY ROLFE JOHNSON BRIAN RAYNER COOK
CHARLES SPINKS chamber organ MALCOLM HICKS organ
RIPIENO CHOIR, HABERDASHERS' ASKE'S SCHOOL ELSTREE
LONDON CHORAL SOCIETY
ENGLISH BAROQUE ORCHESTRA
Conductor: LEON LOVETT
£4.00, £3.50, £3.00, £2.75, £2.50, £2.00, £1.50 from Hall (01-928 3191) & Agents.

MONDAY, 27 MARCH at 8 p.m.
VAN WALSUM/SUMMERFIELD present
ORCHESTRA OF ST. JOHN'S SMITH SQUARE
JOHN LUBBOCK
PAUL TORTELIER
HAYDN: Symphony No. 83 Cello Concerto
TCHAIKOVSKY
Rococo Variations. Serenade for Strings.
£3.30, £2.75, £2.20, £1.65, £1.10 from Box Office (01-928 3191) & Agents.

RAYMOND GUBBAY presents TUESDAY 28 MARCH at 8 p.m.
ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA
Conductor: VERNON HANDLEY
PETER KATIN piano
Ruslan and Ludmilla Ov. .... Glinka
Polonaise, Waltz: Eugene Onegin .... Tchaikovsky
Rhapsody on a theme of Paganini .... Rachmaninov
Marche Slave .... Tchaikovsky
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QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL
TONIGHT at 7.45 p.m.
RICHARD BAKER
Narrator
In London Premiere of
SAINT MARTHA AND THE DRAGON
Music by PHYLLIS TATE Poem by CHARLES CAUSLEY
Conductor: ALAN BARLOW
For details see South Bank Panel
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VICTOR HOCHHAUSER presents
TOMORROW at 7.15
"Young wonder violinist" .... Guardian, 30 Jan., 1978
GIDON KREMER
"Brilliant and eloquent" . . . D. Telegraph, 30 Jan., 1978
"Kremer's place is with the greatest . . . poetic vision with an outstanding technical mastery" . . . F. Times, 31 Jan., 1978
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Tuesday, March 7 at 7.45 p.m.
English Chamber Orchestra Ensemble
Malcolm Binns (piano)
Mozart Flute Quartet in C K 285b, Kodaly Duo for Cello & Violin, Schubert Piano Quintet 'The Trout'
Tickets: £2.50, £2.00, £1.70, £1.40, £1.00 from Box Office & Agents.

Queen Elizabeth Hall, Wednesday 8th March at 7.45 p.m.
LONDON SINFONIETTA
Tenth Anniversary Season
TAVENER
Kyklike Kinesis (World Première) The Whale
Soloists: Elise Ross, Sarah Walker, Thomas Allen, Richard Baker, Christopher Van Kampen, Simon Rattle
For details see under South Bank Concert Halls Panel.

SUNDAY, 12 MARCH at 7.15 p.m.
To celebrate 50 years in music
LARRY ADLER
Mouth Organ
with GERALD ROBBINS piano
Music by Stravinsky, Debussy, Ravel, Chopin, Bartok, Tchaikovsky, Bloch, Falla, Rachmaninov, Gershwin.
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FRIDAY, 17 MARCH, at 7.45 p.m.
NEW CHAMBER SOLOISTS
Mendelssohn: Symphony movement in C
Marcello: Oboe Concerto
Giuliani: Guitar Concerto in A
Vivaldi: Trio in C for violin, lute & continuo
Handel: Concerto Grosso Op. 6 No. 12
Bach: Concerto for Violin & oboe
Soloists: GORDON HUNT
JOHN WILLIAMS
Soloist/Director: CARL PINI
£2.50, £2.25, £1.85, £1.25, 95p from Box Office (01-928 3191) & Agents
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BASIL DOUGLAS LTD. presents
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Mozart: Sonata in A minor, K.331
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Chopin: Ballade No. 3
Chopin: Polonaise in A flat
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KING'S ROAD THEATRE. 352 7488. Mon.-Thur. 9.0. Fri., Sat. 7.30, 9.30 THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW NOW IN ITS FIFTH ROCKING YEAR The GREAT ROCK 'N' ROLL MUSICAL

LYRIC THEATRE. 01-437 3686. Evngs. 8.0. Mats. Thurs. 3.0. Sat. 5.0 & 8.30 JOAN PLOWRIGHT COLIN BLAKELY and Patricia Hayes in FILUMENA by Edward de Filippo Directed by FRANCO ZEFFIRELLI "TOTAL TRIUMPH" E. News. "AN EVENT TO TREASURE" D. Mirror. "MAY IT FILL THE LYRIC FOR A HUNDRED YEARS". S.T.

MAYFAIR. CC 629 3036 Mon. to Fri. 8.0 Sat. 5.30 and 8.45 GORDON CHATER "Brilliant." EN in THE ELOCUTION OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN by Steve J. Spears "A compassionate funny fiercely eloquent play" Gdn. "Hilarious" E. St. "Wickedly amusing" E. News. "Spellbinding" Observer.

MERMAID. 248 7656. Rest. 248 2835. Tom CONTI. Jane ASHER in WHOSE LIFE IS IT ANYWAY Prevs. nightly 8.15. Opens March 6 at 7.0. Stall tickets £1.25 to £3.50 Combined Dinner-Theatre Ticket, £5.95

THEATRES

NATIONAL THEATRE. 928 2252 OLIVIER (open stage): Today 2.45 & 7.30, Mon 7.30 THE CHERRY ORCHARD by Chekhov trans by Michael Frayn. LYTTELTON (proscenium stage): Today at 3 & 7.45 THE LADY FROM MAXIM'S by Feydeau trans by John Mortimer. Mon 7.45 The Guardsman. COTTESLOE (small auditorium): Ton't & Mon 8 LOVE LETTERS ON BLUE PAPER by Arnold Wesker. Many excellent cheap seats all 3 theatres day of perf. Car park. Restaurant 928 2033. Credit card bkgs 928 3052.

NEW END HAMPSTEAD. 794 0238 STICKS AND BONES, by David Rabe. "A remarkable play", Odn. "No one seriously interested in contemporary theatre can afford to miss seeing it." F. Times. Egs. at 7.30.

NEW LONDON. 405 0072. Berkoff's London Theatre Group. £3, £2. Stud reds. Today at 5 & 8.30 Last perfs in UK of Berkoff's EAST. "Best play of 1977".

OLD VIC. 928 7616 PROSPECT AT THE OLD VIC Spring season to March 25. In rep: ANTONY & CLEOPATRA today 2.30. HAMLET today 7.30 ALL FOR LOVE returns March 6. SAINT JOAN returns March 11. Sunday March 5 at 7.30 THAT MIGHTY HEART with Barbara Jefford, John Turner.

OPEN SPACE. 01-387 6969. Tues.-Sun. 8.0. Mat. Sat. 5.0. Until March 11: PENTA. Dutch Surreal Theatre of movement. March 14, STEPS NOTES & SQUEAKS. Berlossova, Gielgud, Louther, Sleep.

PALACE. 01-437 6834 Evgs. 8.0. Fri. & Sat. 6.0 & 8.40 JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

PALLADIUM 01-437 7373 LAST 2 DAYS! ENDS TOMORROW Tonight 7.30, Tomorrow 2.45 & 7.30 HANS ANDERSEN CREDIT CARD BOOKINGS 734 8961

PALLADIUM. 01-437 7373. THE TWO RONNIES FROM MAY 25 TO AUG. 19

PHOENIX 01-836 8611 Evgs. 8. Mat. Wed. 3.0. Sat. 5 & 8. FRANK FINLAY in The Leslie Bricusse Musical KINGS AND CLOWNS Directed by Mel Shapiro SUCCESSFUL. SLICK. ENTERTAINING

PICCADILLY. 437 4506. Credit card bkgs. 836 1071. Eves. 8. Sat. 4.45 and 8.15. Wed. mat. 3. BEST COMEDY OF THE YEAR Ev. Std. Award & S.W.E.T. Award Royal Shakespeare Company in PRIVATES ON PARADE by Peter Nichols (perhaps not suitable for children) "HUGELY ENTERTAINING EXTRAVAGANZA"—S. Times.

PRINCE OF WALES. 01-930 8681 Monday to Friday at 8 p.m. Sat. 5.30 & 8.45. Mats. Thurs. 3.0 "THE STAGE IS AGLOW" Daily Telegraph. RICHARD BECKINSALE in I LOVE MY WIFE "LAUGHTER BECOMES HAPPILY INESCAPABLE."—The Observer. CREDIT CARD BOOKINGS 930 0846

QUEEN'S THEATRE. 01-734 1166 Evgs. 8.0, Sat. 5 & 8.30, Mat. Wed. 3 ALEC GUINNESS BEST ACTOR OF THE YEAR. Variety Club of G.B. Award in THE OLD COUNTRY A New Play by ALAN BENNETT Directed by CLIFFORD WILLIAMS BEST PLAY OF THE YEAR. Plays & Players London critics award.

RIVERSIDE STUDIOS (748 3354) Tues. to Suns. (not Mons.) 7.30 Sats. Matinees 5. Eves. 8 ATHOL FUGARD'S HELLO AND GOODBYE Yvonne Bryceland, Bill Flynn BOOK NOW

ROUND HOUSE 267 2564 Eves. 8 LIMITED SEASON to MARCH 18 THE LIVERPOOL PLAYHOUSE CO. with James AUBREY & Don WARRINGTON in "A red hot production."—Gdn. STREAMERS by David Rabe "One of the three best plays in London . . . awesome strength."—Obs.

ROYAL COURT. 730 1745. Evgs. 8. Sat. 5 & 8.30. Pauline Collins, David Suchet & Leslie Sarony in THE BEAR by Chekhov/THE KREUTZER SONATA by Tolstoy. From March 14 Hull Truck in A BED OF ROSES. "Made me feel glad to be alive" D. Express. See also Theatre Upstairs.

ROYAL COURT. 730 1745. Eves. 8. Sat. 5 and 8.30. THE BEAR by Chekhov/THE KREUTZER SONATA by Tolstoy. See also Theatre Upstairs.

ROYALTY 405 8004 Monday-Thursday. Evgs. 8.0 Fri. 5.30 and 8.45. Sat. 3 and 8. London's critics vote BILLY DANIELS in BUBBLING BROWN SUGAR Best musical of 1977. Tel. bookings accepted. Major credit cards.

ST. MARTIN'S. 836 1443. Evs 8. Mat Tues 2.45. Sats & Good Fri 5 & 8. AGATHA CHRISTIE'S THE MOUSETRAP WORLD'S LONGEST-EVER RUN 26TH YEAR

SAVOY. 01-836 8888 Press Sat. 5.00 & 8.00 & Mon. 8.00. Opens Tues. 7 pm then nightly at 8. Mat. Wed. 2.30. Sat. 5.00 & 8.00. PATRICK CARGILL TONY ANHOLT in SLEUTH The World Famous Thriller by Anthony Shaffer SLEUTH SLEUTH SLEUTH Limited Season Only.

SHAW 01-388 1394 Evgs 7.30 (no perf Mon). Mat. Thurs. 2.30. Last 3 weeks. AN INSPECTOR CALLS by J. B. Priestley "Highly entertaining." D. Tel. Low prices, easy parking.

SHAFTESBURY. 836 6596. Open March 21. John Reardon and Joan Diener in KISMET. The legendary musical. Previews from 15 March. 8 p.m. Sat. 3.00 & 8.00.

STRAND. 01-836 2660. Evgs. 8.0 Mats Thurs. 3.0. Sat. 5.30 & 8.30 NO SEX, PLEASE WE'RE BRITISH THE WORLD'S GREATEST LAUGHTER-MAKER

TH. ROYAL STRATFORD. E.15. 534 0310. Final perf. 8.00 THE HOTTEST BET IN TOWN. From 15 Mar "FOLLIES".

THEATRE UPSTAIRS 730 2554 Last perf., ton't 7.30 IN THE BLOOD by Lenka Janjurek

VAUDEVILLE. 836 9988. Evgs. 8 Mats. Tues. 2.45. Sats. 5 & 8 Dinah SHERIDAN Dulcie GRAY Eleanor SUMMERFIELD James GROUT AGATHA CHRISTIE'S NEWEST Whodunnit A MURDER IS ANNOUNCED

WAREHOUSE Donmar Theatre 836 6808. Royal Shakespeare Company. Tonight 8.00 Edward Bond's THE BUNDLE (sold out).

WYNDHAM'S. 836 3028. Credit Card Bookings 836 1071 (ex. Sats.) Mon.-Thur. 8. Fri. & Sat. 5.15 & 8.30 "ENORMOUSLY RICH VERY FUNNY"—E. News. Mary O'Malley's Smash-Hit Comedy ONCE A CATHOLIC "Sure-fire comedy on sex and religion."—Daily Telegraph. "MAKES YOU SHAKE WITH LAUGHTER"—Guardian.

YOUNG VIC (near Old Vic). 928 6363 Today 3 & 7.45, & Wed next 7.45 Stoppard's ROSENCRANTZ & GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD. Mon 7.45 & Tues 7 TWELFTH NIGHT. Thurs & Fri next Stoppard's THE REAL INSPECTOR HOUND "abounds with verbal delights" This with Terence Frisby's SEASIDE POSTCARD "Hysterical . . . very funny" D. Tel. (seats 90p).

YOUNG VIC STUDIO. 928 6363. Ton't, Wed next & Mar 14, 22, 25, 30 at 8: Young Vic Co in Dannie Abse's GONE IN JANUARY. Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat next at 8: Moving Picture Mime Show present THE SEVEN SAMURAI and other stories.

TALK OF THE TOWN. 734 5051. From 8 p.m.: Dine Dance: 9.30: Revue RAZZLE DAZZLE and at 11 p.m. JACKIE TRENT & TONY HATCH

CINEMAS

ABC 1 & 2 Shaftesbury Ave. 836 8861 Sep Perfs. ALL SEATS BKBLE. 1: SILVER BEARS (A) Wk. & Sun. 1.45, 5.00, 8.00. Late show Tonight 11.20. 2: BOYS IN COMPANY "C" (X). Wk. & Sun. 2.00, 5.15, 8.15. Late show Tonight 11.15.

ACADEMY ONE. 437 2981. Carne and Prevert's DROLE DE DRAME (A). Progs. 2.40, 4.40, 6.40, 8.40. ACADEMY TWO. 437 5129. Claude Goretta's THE LACE-MAKER (AA). Progs. 1.30, 3.50, 6.15, 8.40. ACADEMY THREE. 437 8819. Bertolucci's THE SPIDER'S STRATAGEM (A). Progs. 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.

CAMDEN PLAZA (opp. Camden Town Tube). 485 2443. Robert Bresson's masterpiece THE DEVIL, PROBABLY (X). 2.45, 4.45, 6.50, 9.00, 11.00.

CINEMAS

COLUMBIA, Shaftesbury Ave. (734 5414). YOU LIGHT UP MY LIFE (A). Cont. progs. 1.30 (Not Sun.), 3.45, 6.00, 8.20. Late show Sat. 11.00 p.m.

CURZON, Curzon St., W.1. 499 3737. PARDON MON AFFAIRE (X). (English sub-titles). "A Sparkling New French Comedy. Directed with finesse by Yves Robert"—Sunday Express. Progs. 1.50 (not Sun.), 3.55, 6.10 and 8.30.

DOMINION, Tott. Crt. Rd. (580 9562) STAR WARS (U). Sep. progs. dly. 2.00, 5.15, 8.35. Late show Fri. and Sat. 11.45 p.m. Seats bkble for 5.15 & 8.35 progs. Wks. & all progs. Sat. & Sun. SEATS STILL AVAILABLE FOR MANY PERFS. HURRY!

EMPIRE, Leicester Square. 437 1234 Seats bookable for last eve. perf. Mon.-Fri. and all perfs. Sat. & Sun. (except late night shows) at the box office (11 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Sat.) or by post. WACOS OF FEAR (AA). Progs. Daily 1.30 (not Suns.), 3.30, 6.15, 8.40. Late show Fri. & Sat. 11.15 p.m.

GATE CINEMA, Nott Hill 221 0220 FASSBINDER'S GREAT CLASSIC "EFFI BRIEST" (Club). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.40. A NIGHT AT THE OPERA (U) & AT THE CIRCUS (U). 11.15.

GATE TWO CINEMA 837 1177/8402 (formerly E.M.I. International), Russell Square Tube. DEREK JARMAN'S JUBILEE (X). Sep Perfs 1.00, 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.10. THE LONG GOODBYE (X). 11.15.

LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE (930 5252). OLIVER REED, SUSAN GEORGE & many other stars. TOMORROW NEVER COMES (X). Sep. progs. Mon.-Sat. 1.35, 4.50, 8.10. Sun. 3.45, 7.45. Late show Fri. & Sat. 11.45. Seats bkbl for 8.10 Prog. Mon.-Fri. & all progs. Sat. & Sun. except late shows.

ODEON HAYMARKET (930 2738/2771). Jane Fonda, Vanessa Redgrave in a Fred Zinnemann film JULIA (A). Sep. progs. Dly. 2.30, 5.45, 8.45. Feature Dly. 2.45, 6.00, 9.00. Late show Fri. & Sat. Prog. Comm. 11.45 p.m. Feature 12.00. All seats bkble.

ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE (930 6111). THE DEEP (A). Sep. progs. every day. Seats may be booked. Doors open at 1.20, 4.30, 7.45. Late shows. Fris. & Sats. Doors 11.15.

ODEON, MARBLE ARCH (723 2011/2) STAR WARS (U). Doors open dly. 1.30, 4.35, 7.50. Late show Fri. & Sat. 12.00 midnight. All seats bkble. except 1.30 perf. wks.

ODEON, ST. MARTIN'S LANE—HOME OF DISNEY MOVIES—CANDLESHOE (U). For info. 240 0071. Box Office 836 0691. Sep. progs. dly. 2.30, 5.45, 8.30. Special show Sat. 11.15 p.m.

PARIS PULLMAN. Sth. Ken. 373 5898. Tanner's JONAH, WHO WILL BE 25 IN THE YEAR 2000 (X). Progs. 4.5, 6.5, 8.20.

PHOENIX, E. Finchley. 883 2233. Tanner's JONAH, WHO WILL BE 25 IN THE YEAR 2000 (X). Progs. 4.5, 6.5, 8.20. Must end March 8th.

PLAZA 1, 2, 3, 4, off Piccadilly Circus. 437 1234. Seats bookable (Plaza 1 & 2 only) for last eve. perf. Mon.-Fri. and all perfs. Sat. & Sun. (except late night shows) at the box office (11 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Sat.) or by post.
1. LOOKING FOR MR. GOODBAR (X). Progs. Daily 2.30, 5.16, 8.05. Late Show Fri. & Sat. 11.00 p.m.
2. THE DUELLISTS (A). Progs. Daily 3.00 (not Suns.), 4.10, 6.20, 8.30. Late show Sat. 11.15 p.m.
3. THE CHOIRBOYS (X). SHUT DOWN (U). Progs. Daily 1.30 (not Suns.), 4.40, 7.55. Late show Sat. 11.15 p.m.
4. ROMEO & JULIET (A). Progs. Daily 2.30 (not Suns.), 5.15, 8.00. Late show Sat. 11.15 p.m.

PRINCE CHARLES. Leic. Sq. 437 8181 Final week. Must end March 8. SALON KITTY (X). Sep. perfs. dly. (inc. Sun.). 2.45, 6.15, 9.00. Late show Fri. & Sat. 11.55. Seats bkble. Lic'd bar. From March 9 SWEPT AWAY (X). Box Office now open.

SCENE 2, Leic Sq (Wardour St) 439 4470. THE PINK PANTHER STRIKES AGAIN (U). Sun.-Thur. 1.30, 5.55, 9.55. Fri. & Sat. 12.40, 4.45, 8.45, 12.35 THE RETURN OF THE PINK PANTHER (U). Sun-Thur 3.25, 7.30. Fri. & Sat. 2.35, 6.30, 10.40.

THE SCREEN ON THE HILL (opp. Belsize Park Tube) 435 3366. Visconti THE INNOCENT (X) subtitled 2.05, 4.25, 6.45, 9.05 Seats bookable on same day, no telephone bookings. LAST WEEKS. LATE SHOW TONIGHT AT 11.18 P.M. Brian De Palma's PHANTOM OF THE PARADISE (X) George Harrison's CONCERT FOR BANGLADESH (X)

SCREEN ON ISLINGTON GREEN 226 3520 (Angel Tube) DARK STAR (A) 5.30, 7.10, 9.10. Plus Andy Warhol's BAD (X) 3.30, 7.05.

EXHIBITIONS

DAILY MAIL IDEAL HOME EXHIBITION OLYMPIA. Opens Tuesday, 7th March until 1st April. 10 to 9 excl. Sundays. Adults £1. Children 75p. Reduced prices after 5 p.m. Adults 75p. Children 60p.

ART GALLERIES

ANTHONY d'OFFAY, 9 Dering St. W.1. LUCIAN FREUD Wkdays 10-6. Sats. 10-1. 01-629 1578

BLOND FINE ART, 33 Sackville St., W.1. 01-437 1230. PAUL NASH and JOHN NASH until March 25. Mon.-Fri. 10-6. Sat. 10-1.

FINE ART SOCIETY 148 New Bond St., W.1. 01-629 5116 EDWARD BAWDEN

FISCHER FINE ART, 30 King St., St. James's, S.W.1. 01-839 3942. RUSSIAN REVOLUTIONARY PORCELAIN 1918-1923, and HANS DORFLINGER—Recent Paintings. Until 10 March. Mon.-Fri. 10-5.30; Sats. 10-12.30.

HAYWARD GALLERY, South Bank, S.E.1. (Arts Council) DADA & SURREALISM REVIEWED, Until 27 March, Mon. 1-8, Tue.-Thur. 10-8, Fri. & Sat. 10-6, Sun. 12-6. Adm. £1 except Mon. 1-8, Tue.-Thur. 6-8: 25p. Details of lectures from Celia O'Malley: 01-629 9495. Parties by written application only.

LEFEVRE GALLERY. An Exhibition of important 19th and 20th CENTURY PAINTINGS. Wkdys. 10-5. Sat. 10-1 at 30 Bruton St., London, W.1. Tel. 01-493 1572.

MARLBOROUGH, 6 Albemarle St., W.1. LYNN CHADWICK. Recent Sculpture. 8th Feb-10th March. Mon.-Fri., 10-5.30. Sat. 10-12.30.

NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY. 01-930 8511. SIR THOMAS MORE 1477-1535. His life and times. Until March 12. Adm. 40p. Wkdys. 10-5. Sat. 10-6. Sun. 2-6.

PARKIN GALLERY 11 Motcomb St., S.W.1. 235 8144 ANN SHRAGER 2nd Exhibition until 12 March.

REDFERN GALLERY. KENNETH DRAPER Sculptures and Drawings. February 28th-March 22nd, 20 Cork Street, London, W.1. Mon.-Fri. 10-5.30. Sats. 10-12.30.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS
1. ROWLANDSON DRAWINGS (Collection of Mr and Mrs Paul Mellon). Until 21 May. Adm. 60p. Open daily 10-6 inc. Suns.
2. LIGHT FANTASTIC, an exhibition of holography. Until 27 March. Adm. £1.
3. GUSTAVE COURBET, 1819-1877 (Arts Council Exhibition). Until 19 March. Adm. £1 (admits also to Cityscape).
4. CITYSCAPE 1910-39 Urban Themes in American, German and British Art (Arts Council Exhibition). Until 19 March. Adm. Free.
5. ROBERT MOTHERWELL Retrospective until 19 March. Adm. 60p.
Half price to all exhibitions for students and pensioners & until 1.45 on Sundays. All exhibitions open daily 10-6 (inc. Suns. except Mons 10-3 reserved for pre-booked visits only. Open late Mons & Thurs till 8 p.m.

THACKERAY GALLERY, 18 Thackeray St., Kensington Sq., W.8. 01-937 5883. PETER COKER, R.A. Until 22 March.

VICTORIA AND ALBERT MUSEUM, Sth. Ken. THE POOLE POTTERIES. Until 9 April. INDUSTRY COLLECTS: CINZANO GLASS. Until 30 May. Adm. free. Wkdys. 10-5.50. Suns. 2.30-5.50. Closed Fridays.

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Weekend broadcasting

TV CHOICE

9 pm ITV Terrorism rears its unattractive head Within These Walls, a series that has benefited immeasurably by a change in cast. **10.15 ITV** Melvyn Bragg takes The South Bank Show to the South of France to talk to Jacques Loussier who sells Bach records as pop stars sell singles. **11 pm BBC 1** The relaxed Saturday Night at the Mill, a firm favourite, has Andy Williams and Norman Vaughan—and Kenny Ball.

Tomorrow 1 pm ITV ATV's *Havoc series is* networked at odd times, but it is worth checking in TV Times to catch the beginning of Disasters at Sea. A series that deserves a better time slot. **5.50 pm BBC 1** Scottish wordsmith Cliff Hanley has worked his usual wonders with Return to Sula, and Bob McIntosh's direction matches them perfectly. **8.5 pm BBC 1** Play of the Month is the intense Edward Bond adaptation of his own stage play The Sea. Worth watching for Victor Spinetti alone. **10 pm BBC 1** A formidable combination—Muggeridge and Cameron together in Everyman. Where angels fear . . . there go Colin Cameron and Peter Armstrong. **10.35 pm BBC 1** Good to see that the majestic *Robert Lacey is making* an all-too-rare appearance on the box—with the lovely Felicity Kendall.

Iain Redpath

FILMS

The pick of this week's films on television is They Were Expendable (tonight, BBC2 11.00), John Ford's lyrical 1945 tribute to men at war, the crews of the Second World War motor torpedo boats in the Pacific, starring John Wayne and Robert Montgomery; Thorold Dickinson's visually exquisite 1948 version of The Queen of Spades (tomorrow, BBC 2, 11.20), with Edith Evans and Anton Walbrook; and Abraham Polonsky's Tell Them Willie Boy is Here (Monday, BBC 1, 9.25) which is shown as part of the BBC's tribute to Robert Redford. Polonsky, now the subject of a National Film Theatre tribute, made an auspicious debut in 1949 with Force of Evil, but thereafter vanished for 20 years, one of the crippled biographies of the McCarthy era.

Film International (tonight, BBC 2, 8.45), offers Jamie Camino's Long Holidays of '36, a disappointingly superficial study of the effects of the Spanish Civil War on a group of middle-class people holed up by events in their holiday houses.

This afternoon (BBC 2, 3.10), there's a nice old-fashioned Anthony Mann Western, The Far Country, with James Stewart and Ruth Roman; but then the week gets bellicose. Richard Brook's Take the High Ground (today, BBC 1, 6.50) is a very conventional 1953 film about conscripts training for Korean service; Robert Wise's 1958 Run Silent, Run Deep (tomorrow, BBC 1, 1.55) tells how Second World War submarine men in the Pacific subdue personal antagonisms in the greater cause. After so much war, a batty Susan Hayward melodrama of 1962, Robert Stevens's I Thank a Fool (Friday, BBC 1, 10.46) may well prove welcome relief.

David Robinson

SATURDAY TV

BBC 1

9.00 am, Teddy Edward. 9.05, Indoors Outdoors. 9.30, Multi-coloured Swap Shop. 12.20 pm, Grandstand: 12.25, Football focus. 12.55, 1.40, Hockey, Rank Xerox Indoor Club International; 1.25, 1.50, 2.25, Racing from Newbury; 2.10, 2.40, Racing from Haydock Park; 2.50, Rugby, Scotland v England; and 4.30, Ireland v Wales, highlights; 4.40, Final Score. 5.10, Batman.
5.35 News.
5.50 Jim'll Fix It.
6.25 Dr Who.
6.50 Film: Take the High Ground, with Richard Widmark, Karl Malden, Elaine Stewart, Russ Tamblyn.
8.30 Les Dawson Show.
9.00 Starsky and Hutch.
9.50 News.
10.00 Match of the Day.
11.00 Saturday Night at the Mill.
11.50 Weather.

Regional variations (BBC 1): BBC WALES: 8.40 am, Indoors Outdoors. 9.05-9.30, Telifant. 2.50-4.40 pm, Rugby: Ireland v Wales. 4.30, Scotland v England, highlights. SCOTLAND: 4.55-5.10 pm, Scoreboard. 5.45-5.50, Scoreboard. 10.00, Sportscene. 10.30-11.00, Songs of Scotland. NORTHERN IRELAND: 2.50 pm, Rugby, Ireland v Wales. 4.30-4.40, Rugby, Scotland v England, highlights. 5.00-5.10, Scoreboard. 5.45-5.50, Northern Ireland News.

BBC 2

7.40 am, Open University: The Image of Empire; 8.05, River Thames; 8.30, Writing History; 8.55, Creating the System; 9.20, Friends of the Earth; 9.45, Philosophy; *10.10, Statistics; 10.35, Elec*tron Microscopy; 11.00, Cell Membrane Structure; 11.25, Stereochemistry; 11.50, Filters; 12.15 pm, TV and Politics; 12.40, The Ravidasis in Birmingham; 1.05, Charles Rennie Mackintosh; 1.30-1.55, Magnetic Circuits. 3.10, Film: The Far Country, with James Stewart. 4.45, Hit the Note!, with Maggie Savage, John Leach. 5.15, Horizon: Happy Catastrophe. 6.05, Open Door: Education Otherwise. 6.30, Sight and Sound in Concert: Tom Robinson Band, Sad Cafe.
7.30 News.
7.45 Network. From BBC Wales: film about writer Alun Richards.
8.15 Book Programme, new books published this spring.
8.45 Film: The Long Holidays of 1936, with Angela Molina, Francisco Rabal.
10.30 M*A*S*H.
10.55 News.
11.00-1.15 am, Film: They Were Expendable, with Robert Montgomery, John Wayne.*
* Black and white.

London Weekend

9.00 am, Sesame Street. 10.00, Our Show. 11.00, Film. Emergency, (1960), with Glyn Houston, Zena Walker, Dermot Walsh.* 12.00, World of Sport. 12.05 pm, Motor Racing, South African Grand Prix. 12.40, On the Ball. 1.10, News 1.15, South African Grand Prix. 2.10, The ITV Six. 2.20 Hereford. 2.35 Market Rasen. 2.50 Hereford. 3.05 Market Rasen. 3.25 Hereford. 3.40 Market Rasen. 3.50, Half-Time Soccer Round-Up. 4.00, Wrestling. 4.50, Results Service.
5.05 News.
5.15 Happy Days.
5.45 Logan's Run.
6.45 Celebrity Squares.
7.30 Enemy at the Door.
8.30 Sale of the Century.
9.00 Within These Walls.
10.00 News.
10.15 South Bank Show with Melvyn Bragg, Jacques Loussier.
11.15 Film. Who Slew Auntie Roo? (1972) with Shelley Winters, Mark Lester.
12.50 am Ursula Hanray reads a Frances Cornford poem.

ATV

9.05 am, Rolf Harris. 9.30, Tiswas. 12.00, London. 5.15 pm, Six Million Dollar Man. 6.15, Havoc: SOS—Disasters at Sea. 6.45, London. 9.00, The Sweeney. 10.00, London. 11.15-12.40 am, Film. Scream, Pretty Peggy, with Bette Davis, Ted Bessell, Sian Barbara Allen.

Southern

8.50 am, Weekend. 9.00, London. 11.50, Weekend. 12.00, London. 5.15, Celebrity Squares. 6.00, Six Million Dollar Man. 7.00, Sale of the Century. 7.30, London. 8.30, Columbo. 10.00, London. 11.15, Within These Walls. 12.15 am, Southern News. 12.20, Weather. Epilogue.

Granada

9.30 am, ATV. 12.00, London. 5.15 pm, Logan's Run. 6.15, Havoc. 6.45, Sale of the Century. 7.15, Enemy at the Door. 8.15, Film. Cat Ballou, with Lee Marvin, Jane Fonda. 10.00, London. 11.15, Stars on Ice. 11.45-1.25 am, Film. Sandra Dee in The Dunwich Horror.

Scottish

9.00 am, Toolkit (r). 9.30, ATV. 12.00, London. 5.15 pm, Granada. 8.15, Film: Campbell's Kingdom, with Dirk Bogarde, Stanley Baker, Barbara Murray. 10.00, London. 11.15, Late Call. 11.20-12.20 am, Danger in Paradise.

HTV

9.05 am, Master Golf. 9.30, ATV. 12.00, London. 5.45 pm, Celebrity Squares. 6.30, Logan's Run. 7.30, London. 9.00, Streets of San Francisco. 10.00, London. 11.15-12.10 am, Moynihan. HTV CYMRU/WALES: As HTV except: 5.45-6.30 pm, Dros Whg Brynlau. 11.15-12.00, A Change of Mind.

Yorkshire

9.00 am, Rolf Harris. 9.25, Custard Pie Parade.* 9.45, Film: The Brigand of Kandahar, with Ronald Lewis, Oliver Reed. 11.00, Happy Days. 11.30, Calendar Kids. 12.00, London. 5.15, Granada. 8.15, Film: Danger in Paradise, with Cliff Potts, Ina Balin, John Dehner. 10.00, London. 11.15, Mary Tyler Moore. 11.45-12.45 am, The Outsiders.

Westward

9.10 am, The Beatles. 9.25, Film: Captain Sinbad, with Guy Williams. 10.45, Cartoon. 11.05, Space 1999. 12.00, London. 5.15 pm, Granada. 6.15, Happy Days. 6.45, London. 9.00, Police Woman. 10.00, London. 11.15, Film: Dr Phibes Rises Again, with Vincent Price. 12.45 am, Faith for Life.

Border

9.30 am, ATV. 12.00, London. 5.15 pm, Granada. 8.15, Film: The Good Guys and the Bad Guys, with Robert Mitchum, George Kennedy. 10.00, London. 11.15, The Outsiders. 12.15-12.45 am, The Odd Couple.

Anglia

9.00 am, Animal Alphabet. 9.10, Cartoon. 9.30, ATV. 12.00, London. 5.15 pm, Southern. 8.00, Code R. 7.00, Southern. 7.30, London. 8.30, Film: Pretty Boy Floyd, with Martin Sheen, Kim Darby. 10.00, London. 11.15, Southern 12.15 am, At the End of the Day.

Tyne Tees

9.15 am, Focus on Wildlife. 9.45, You Can Make It. 10.15, Film: Maya, with Clint Walker. 12.00, London. 5.15 pm, Granada. 8.15, Film: Danger in Paradise. 10.00, London. 11.15, The Practice. 11.45, Upstairs, Downstairs. 12.40 am, Epilogue.

Ulster

10.10 am, The Herbs. 10.20, Tree Top Tales. 10.35, Skippy. 11.00, Sesame Street. 12.00, London. 5.15 pm, Logan's Run. 6.15, A Drop in Your Hand. 6.45, Granada. 8.15, Film: Good Guys, Bad Guys. 10.00, London. 11.15-12.10 am, Hawaii Five-O.

Grampian

9.00 am, Scene on Saturday. 9.25, Skippy. 9.50, Woody Woodpecker. 10.15, Woobinda. 10.45, Cartoon. 11.00, Captain Scarlet. 11.30, Clue Club. 12.00, London. 5.15, Granada. 8.15, Film: Zeppelin, with Michael York, Elke Sommer, Peter Carsten. 10.00, London. 11.15, Southern. 12.15 am, Reflections.

Channel

11.48 am, Puffing. 12.00, London. 6.15 pm, Happy Days. 6.45, London. 9.00, Police Woman. 10.00, London. 11.15, Film: Dr Phibes Rises Again. 12.45 am, Weather.

SUNDAY TV

BBC 1

9.00 am, Mary, Mungo and Midge. 9.15, The 60 70 80 Show. 9.40, Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan. 10.10, Parosi. 10.25, Making Union Democracy Work. 10.50, Kontakte. 11.15, The Living City. 11.40, On the Move. 11.50, Your Move. 12.15 pm, Sunday Worship at Pebble Mill. 1.00, Farming. 1.25, Knitting. 1.50, News Headlines. 1.55, Film: Run Silent, Run Deep, with Clark Gable, Burt Lancaster.* 3.25, Bugs Bunny. 3.35, Man and Boy. 4.00, *Driving to* Win. 4.50, The Secret War.
5.40 News.
5.50 Return to Sula: Story by Lavinia Derwent.
6.40 Songs of Praise from Ecumenical Centre, Skelmersdale, Lancs.
7.15 Elvis: Aloha from Hawaii, Elvis Presley's outdoor concert in Hawaii.
8.05 Play: The Sea, by Edward Bond, with Judy Campbell, Mark Dignam, Victor Spinetti.
9.50 News.
10.00 Everyman. Bees in Their Bonnets: Malcolm Muggeridge and James Cameron.
10.35 Read All About It.
11.10 The British Connexion?
11.35 Weather.
* Black and white.

Regional variations (BBC 1): BBC WALES: 1.55 pm, Cartoon. 2.10, Ask the Family. 2.35, Tomorrow's World. 3.00, Sports Line-up. 4.20, Twndish. 4.50-5.40, Driving to Win. 6.40, Appeal: Cardiff Community Concern. 6.45, Yn y Dechreuad. 6.55-7.15, Dechrau Canu Dechrau Canmol. 10.00, Heaven on Earth. 10.35-11.10, The Sugar Loaf Line. SCOTLAND: 12.15-1.00 pm, Noontidings. 6.40-7.15, Scotsprelse. 10.00-10.35, The Yes, No, Don't Know Show.

BBC 2

7.40 am, Open University: Using Television; 8.05, Forces, Fields and Energy; 8.30, Functions; 8.55, Biotechnic Community; 9.20, Oxfam; 9.45, Flux and Magnetic Circuits. 10.10, Pure Maths. 10.35, Population Control. 11.00, The Sociological Perspective; 11.25, Open Forum; 11.50, Mechanics; 12.15, Scientific Discoveries; 12.40, History of Mathematics; 1.05, Management in Education; 1.30-1.55, Approaches to Soviet Politics. 2.25 pm, Money Programme. EEC—On the Brink? 3.15, Americans. The Plantation Owner. 4.05, Arena. A new British musical revival. 4.40, Men of Ideas. Linguistic Philosophy. 5.25, Rugby: Scotland v England and Ireland v Wales.
6.40 News Review.
7.15 The World About Us. Prince of Wales presents Mick Burke Award in the expedition film-making competition.
8.15 The Mayor of Casterbridge. 9.10 News.
9.15 James Last and his Orchestra.
10.00 The Lively Arts. A Haunted Man, with Billie Whitelaw as Emma, and Cyril Luckham as Thomas Hardy.
11.00 Caught in Time.
11.20-1.00 pm, Film: The Queen of Spades, with Edith Evans, Anton Walbrook.*

London Weekend

9.05 am, Master Golf. 9.30, Make It Count. 10.00, Morning Worship. 10.30, Link. 11.00, Out of Town. 11.30, Happy Days (r). 12.00, Weekend World. 1.00 pm, Havoc: SOS—Disasters at Sea. 1.30, Cartoons. 1.45, University Challenge. 2.15, The Big Match. 3.15, Lucan. 4.15, New Faces. 5.15, Wedding Day. 5.45, The Ghosts of Motley Hall.
6.15 News.
6.25 Credo.
6.45 Appeal. Invalids at Home.
6.50 Stars on Sunday.
7.15 The Muppet Show with Zero Mostel.
7.45 Film: Destiny of a Spy (1969), with Lorne Greene.
9.30 Two's Company.
10.00 News. 10.15 The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie.
11.15 London Programme.
12.15 am, George Hamilton IV.
12.45 Ursula Hanray reads a poem by Frances Cornford.
(r) repeat.

ATV

9.05 am, How to stay alive. 9.45, Stopped, I Looked and I Listened. 10.00, Morning Worship. 10.30, Link. 11.00, Chopper One. 11.25, Captain Nemo. 11.30, Make It Count. 12.00, Weekend World. 1.00 pm, Mister Magoo. 1.20, Space 1999. 2.20, Star Soccer. 3.15, Logan's Run. 4.15, London. 7.45, Film. Duel, with Dennis Weaver. 9.30, London. 11.15-11.45, Andy.

Southern

9.00 am, Master Golf. 9.25, Make It Count. 9.50, Cartoon. 10.00, ATV. 11.00, How To Stay Alive. 11.27, Weather. 11.30, Farm Progress. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, Cartoon. 1.15, Batman. 1.45, Gardening. 2.15, London. 4.10, Southern News. 4.15, London. 7.45, ATV. 9.30, London. 11.15, Baretta. 12.15 am, Weather. Epilogue.

Granada

9.30 am, Master Golf. 10.00, ATV. 11.00, Make It Count. 11.25, Cartoon. 11.30, Drive-In. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, Cartoon. 1.15, Survival. 1.40, Indoor League. 2.10, Kick Off Match. 3.15, Cartoon. 3.30, Celebrity Squares. 4.15, London. 7.45, Film. John Mills in Town on Trial.* 9.30, London. 11.15, Bluey. 12.10-12.45 am, The Nature of Things.

Tyne Tees

9.00 am, Southern. 10.00, ATV. 11.00, Southern. 11.25, Where the Jobs Are. 11.30, The Beatles. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, Big Blue Marble. 1.30, Farming. 2.00, The Jetsons. 2.30, Shoot. 3.30, Granada. 4.15, London. 6.45, Appeal. 6.50, London. 7.45, Film: Cockleshell Heroes, with Jose Ferrer, Trevor Howard. 9.30, London. 11.15, Impact. 11.30, The Streets of San Francisco. 12.25 am, Epilogue.

HTV

9.00 am, Sesame Street. 10.00, ATV. 11.00, Southern. 11.30, ATV. 1.00 pm, University Challenge. 1.30, Farming. 2.00, Cartoons. 2.15, London. 3.15, Space 1999. 4.15, London. 7.45, Film: The Virgin and the Gypsy, with Joanna Shimkus, Franco Nero. 9.30, London. 11.15, Cannon and Ball at the Wheeltappers. 11.45-12.30 am, Pro-Celebrity Snooker. HTV CYMRU/WALES: As HTV except: 1.30-2.00 pm, Countryside. 5.15-5.45, Cred a Chrefft.

Yorkshire

9.00 am, Southern. 10.00, ATV. 11.00, Gardening. 11.30, Farming. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, Calendar Sunday. 1.25, Cartoon. 1.35, Emmerdale Farm. 2.03, Football. 3.30, Granada. 4.15, London. 7.45, Film: Cockleshell Heroes, with Trevor Howard, Jose Ferrer. 9.30, London. 11.15, Power Without Glory. 12.15-12.40 am, The Entertainers: Tony Christie.

Channel

2.13 pm, Weather. 2.15, London. 3.15, Danger in Paradise. 4.15, London. 7.45, ATV. 9.30, London. 11.15, Dave Allen. 11.40, Havoc. 12.10 am, Epilogue.

Border

9.00 am, Southern. 10.00, ATV. 11.00, Southern. 11.30, Gardening. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, Survival. 1.30, Farming. 2.00, Border Diary. 2.05, Cartoon. 2.15, London. 3.15, Squash Rackets. 3.30, Granada. 4.15, London. 6.45, Appeal: Muscular Dystrophy Group of Britain. 6.50, London. 7.45, Film: The *Defiant Ones*, with *Tony Curtis*, Sidney Poitier.* 9.30, London. 11.15, Electric Theatre Show. 11.45-12.15 am, Police Surgeon.

Anglia

9.00 am, Southern. 10.00, ATV. 11.00, Southern. 11.30, The Beachcombers (r). 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, Gardening. 1.30, Weather. 1.35, Farming. 2.05, Match of the Week. 3.05, Cartoon. 3.15, The Little House on the Prairie. 4.15, London. 7.45, Film: The Racers, with Kirk Douglas, Bella Darvi. 9.30, London. 11.15, Streets of San Francisco. 12.15 am, The Bible for Today.

Grampian

10.30 am, Link. 11.00, Southern. 11.30, Master Golf. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, Gardening. 1.30, Farming. 2.00, A Present from the Past. 2.30, Celebrity Squares. 3.15, Scotsport. 4.15, London. 6.45, Appeal. 6.50, London. 11.15, Reflections. 11.20, Mixed Blessings. 11.50-12.20 am, The Odd Couple.

Ulster

10.30 am, Link. 11.00, Southern. 11.30, Master Golf. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, All About Babies. 1.30, Cartoon. 1.45, Garnock Way. 2.15, London. 3.15, Cartoon. 3.30, Granada. 4.15, London. 5.15, Sunday Insight. 5.45, London. 6.25, Bookmark. 6.45, London. 7.45, Film: The Defiant Ones. 9.30, London. 11.15, Sports Results. 11.20-12.20 am, The threepenny Bit

Scottish

10.05 am, Credo. 10.30, Link. 11.00, Southern. 11.25, Cartoon. 11.30, ATV. 1.00 pm, Happy Days. 1.30, Farming. 2.00, Glen Michael Cavalcade. 2.30, Celebrity Squares. 3.15, Scotsport. 4.15, London. 6.25, Book Mark. 6.45, Appeal: Muscular Dystrophy Group of Great Britain. 6.50, London. 11.15, Late Call. 11.20-12.15 am, The Streets of San Francisco.

Westward

9.30 am, London. 11.00, Southern. 11.30, Old House, New Home. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, Cartoon. 1.15, Master Golf. 1.45, Farm and Country News. 2.15, London. 3.15, Danger in Paradise. 4.15, London. 7.45, ATV. 9.30, London. 11.15, Dave Allen. 11.40, Havoc. 12.10 am, Faith for Life.

Radio

DAVID WADE

Stepping off the edge of the cliff

Circumstances beyond my control leave me with two weeks to look back on and this gives me an excuse to refer to *The Reith Lectures* without being too inappropriate. Oh yes, an excuse is necessary, for in radio anything that happened more than a week ago is as lost and gone as that Iron Age to which a group of hopefuls have been attempting to return—loster and gonner, actually, since the Iron Agers will be reliving their experiences *for* another ten weeks on the telly.

This, incidentally, explains why Radio 4's *Return to the Iron Age* was such a thin and inconsequential programme: it could not afford to pre-empt the ensuing spate of glorious telecolour by touching in any depth upon the same ground. A few interesting points nevertheless emerged: modern man has more problems living in primitive conditions than those who actually inhabited them because, in addition to the ordinary trials, he has to cope with such things as insane longings for cornflakes and what to do about sex under conditions of communal sleeping. On the other hand his problems are *fewer because, if it all becomes more than he can bear, he can* always step out of it and back into the twentieth century (a poor thing, but his own). Iron Age men were in their own time for a life sentence without the option. As are we. Luckily *for them, they did not see across* the next 2,300 years. Or did they? Did some rough clad sleeper wake screaming in the night and rush out of the communal hut, having just glimpsed greater Birmingham in a dream? Was what we see now once some other age's futuristic nightmare? I wouldn't be surprised: it sometimes seems to me that to some simple-minded part of ourselves, we are our own futuristic nightmare now. It is as well not to be able to foresee—unless we could also be certain that the vision would not drive us mad.

It is when we—and Reith Lecturers—step into the future that we really walk off the edge of the cliff. There are two stages to this process and the first might be characterized as equivalent to the belief that one is still on solid ground, when to the onlookers it appears that one is well along a plank which is unsecured at the landward end. So Dr Halsey, extrapolating, declares: "We need full equality of material conditions—equality of income in its broad sense—as the foundation of social life. . . ." We may need it, we may not; but do we want it? In an earlier lecture we heard at some length that most people seem to be quite indifferent to equality of income and certainly to equality in its broad sense. The narrow sense, the very narrow sense, is a rather different matter and on that ground, for instance, Swan Hunter outfitters want equality with Swan Hunter boilermakers *and want it so much they would* rather have it than their jobs. What sort of equality is that? As to the other, which we may need, but don't much want, how will we be brought to it, except by the application of sanctions so severe as to reduce such liberty as we already have?

Dr Halsey's prescription—at least, a part of it—is that we once again take our tradition of citizenship and democracy seriously" and here, experience suggests to me, we are at stage two. We may understand the words, but what actions are we to perform? Such statements induce a terrible vertiginous feeling, having stepped off cliff, plank and all. It is difficult to believe that even those who utter them, have much faith in them, for otherwise why do they give them so little space? In the proportion of analysis to prognosis was roughly 24:1 and that is not untypical. Perhaps unwittingly such a proportion imposes itself and reflects reality: if one does not spend much time talking about the future and what one does spend appears to be largely wasted, this is exactly because the future is necessarily always *over the brow of* an unknown hill. It is likely to be familiar but it is absolutely indescribable.

Had futures been known at the end of January in the North of this island, many people would have stayed at home, trains would never have set out, farmers would have herded their beasts. They did not do so with results now all too familiar, but collected in Radio 4's documentary *Blizzard* programme, one might reflect about some circumstances in which equality momentarily becomes a fact: nothing. *Like trying to keep warm in a* stranded train. Otherwise the production's most striking feature was the relatively little space which separated it from the events it described, although I am not sure that it gained from such proximity: what, only five minutes ago was news. That was on Sunday evening, and the Radio 4 Sunday is a day which in its early stages has just undergone another though not necessarily definitive shake-up. More about that anon.

SATURDAY RADIO

1

6.00 am, News. Tom Edwards.† 8.03, Racing Bulletin. 8.06, Ed Stewart. 10.00, Kid Jensen. 12.00, Paul Gambaccini. 1.31 pm, Rock On.† 2.30, Alan Freeman.† 5.31, Alexis Korner.† 6.30, Sight and Sound in Concert, Tom Robinson Band, Sad Cafe.† 7.30, Top Tunes.† 8.15, Max Harris.† 8.30, Sequence Time.† 9.30, Radio Orchestra.† 11.02, Sports Desk. 11.10, Alan Dell. 12.31-12.33, News.
† Stereo.

2

6.00 am, Radio 1. 10.02, Wally Whyton.† 12.02 pm, Two's Best.† 1.02, News Huddlines. 1.30-5.55, Sport, including South African Grand Prix; Rugby, Scotland v England and Ireland v Wales. Football; Racing from Haydock; Cricket, New Zealand v England; 5.00, Sports Report. 6.03, Europe 78: Spain. 7.02, Would the Last Businessman . . . 7.30-12.33, Radio 1.

3

7.55 am, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.05, Rossini, Saint-Saens, Rimsky-Korsakov.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Record Review.† 10.15, Stereo Release by Bach, Purcell.† 10.45, Robert Mayer Concert: Haydn, Bach, Britten, Vivaldi.† 12.02 pm, James Galway.† 12.55, News. 1.00, Heritage. 1.15, Schubert and Schoenberg.† 2.15, *Man of Action.* David Rodkin.† 3.35, Beethoven, Chopin, Debussy.† 5.00, Jazz Records Requests.† 5.45, Critics' Forum. 6.35, Julian Bream, Guitar: B[illegible] Britten, Albeniz, Henze.† 7.45, [illegible]sonal View, by Rosalyn Higg[illegible] 8.05, Betulia Liberata, [illegible] drama by Mozart, Act 1.† [illegible] Reading. 9.15, Betulia Liber[ata] Act 2. 10.25, The Lovely Ye[illegible] 10.55, Sounds Interesting.† 11[illegible] News. 11.40-11.45, Schubert Sc[illegible]

4

6.30 am, News. 6.32, Farming. 6[illegible] Yours Faithfully. 6.55, Weat[her] 7.00, News. 7.10, On Your Fa[illegible] 7.40, Today's Papers. 7.45, Yo[urs] Faithfully. 7.50, It's a Barg[ain] 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. [illegible] Sport on Four. 8.40, Tod[ay's] Papers. 8.45, Yesterday in Pa[rliament]. 8.55, Conservative Pa[rty] political broadcast. 9.00, Ne[ws] 9.05, International Assignm[ent] 9.30, The Week in Westmin[ster] 9.55, News Stand. 10.15, Serv[ice] 10.30, Pick of the Week. 11[illegible] Time for Verse. 11.30, Scie[nce] Now. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, Ja[illegible] Galway. 12.55, Weather. 1.00, News. 1.15, Any Q[ues]tions? 2.00, Frank Muir G[oes] Into. . . . 2.30, Play: The Old [illegible] of the Sea. 3.00, News. 3.05, D[oes] he Take Sugar? 3.35, Radio [illegible] 5.00, Kaleidoscope Encore. 5[illegible] Week Ending . . . 5.55, Weat[her] 6.00, News. 6.15, Desert Is[land] discs. 6.50, Robert Robinson. 7[illegible] Christopher Grier, records. 8[illegible] Play: Fit to Plead. 9.58, Weat[her] 10.00, News. 10.15, On the To[illegible] 11.00, Prayers. 11.15, News. 12[illegible] 12.06 am, Inshore forecast.

SUNDAY RADIO

1

6.30 am, News. Sam Coasta.† 8.33, Ed Stewart.† 10.00, Peter Powell. 1.00 pm, Jimmy Savile. 3.00, Anne Nightingale. 5.30, Quiz Kid. 78. 6.00, Tom Browne.† 7.02, Robin Richmond.† 7.30, Glamorous Nights.† 8.30, Sunday Half-Hour.† 9.02, Best Tunes.† 10.02, Would the Last Businessman. 10.30, Show With Ten Legs. 11.02, Sports Desk. 11.05, Jazz.† 12.31-12.33 am, News.
† stereo.

2

6.30 am, Radio 1. 8.03, Dana.† 8.30, Radio 1. 10.02, Benny Green.† 11.30, People's Service. 12.02 pm, Family Favourites.† 1.30, Sacha Distel.† 3.02, David Jacobs.† 4.30, Charlie Chester.† 6.00-12.33 am, Radio 1.

3

7.55 am, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.05, Horowitz Concert: Brahms. 9.00, News. 9.05, Your Concert Choice: Vivaldi, Liszt, Korngold.† 10.30, Music Weekly.† 11.20, From the Proms '77, part 1: Schubert, Bennett.† 12.05 pm, Words . . . by D. H. Mellor. 12.10, From the Proms, part 2: Mozart, Dvorak.† 1.10, Arnold Cooke and Haydn.† 2.05, Talking About Music.† 2.35, Béatrice et Bénédict, opera by Berlioz: Act 1.† 3.35, Reading. 3.40, Béatrice et Bénédict.: Act 2. 4.35, Music in Our Time: Kinloch, Davies, Swain.† 5.45, Natural Selection and the Emergence of Mind: Talk by Sir Karl Popper. 6.25, Concert: Arne, Chilcot[t] 7.40, Play: Pythagoras, by Da[nnie] Abse.† 9.00, BBC Scottish Symp[hony] Orchestra, part 1: Moza[rt] 9.30, Napoleon and the Restora[tion] of the Bourbons: Talk by H[ugh] Trevor-Roper. 9.50, Concert, [part] 2: Mahler.† 10.55, Violin and Pi[ano] Recital: Bartok, Suk.† 11.25, Ne[ws] 11.30, Schubert.

4

7.15 am, Apna Hi Ghar Sa[mjhiye]. 7.45, Bells. 7.50, Readi[ng] 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8[illegible] Sunday Papers. 8.15, Sunday. 8[illegible] Appeal, the House of St Barna[bas] in Soho. 8.55, Weather. 9.00, Ne[ws] 9.10, Sunday Papers. 9.15, Le[tter] from America. 9.30, Service fr[om] All Saints', Breadsall, Derbysh[ire] 10.15, Listeners' Letters. 10[illegible] Money Box. 11.00, Dear Me, P[eter] Ustinov reads from his autobiogra[phy]. 11.30, One Man, One Vo[ice] 021-432 5432. 12.15 pm, Not N[ow] I'm Listening. 12.55, Weather 1.00, News. 1.40, Unaccusto[med] As I Am. . . . 2.00, Garden[ers'] Question Time. 2.30, Pl[ay] Dark. 4.00, News. 4.02, Talk[ing] About Antiques. 4.30, The Liv[ing] World. 5.00, In Touch. 5.15, D[o] Your Way. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, The Arch[ers] 7.15, Conversation Piece. Ba[illegible] Philippe de Rothschild, on his [life] and work. 8.00, Concert: Stra[vin]sky, Weill. 9.00, News. 9.05, Woodlanders. 9.58, Weather. 10[illegible] News. 10.15, Origins. 11.00, C[om]pline. 11.15, News. 12.03-12.06 [am,] Inshore Forecast.



Records of the month

Edgar' of velvet and steel

ccini: Edgar: Scotto/Kille-ew/Bergonzi. NY Opera Orch/ eler. CBS 79213 (2 records), .49

ccini: Madama Butterfly: ballé/Marti/Mazzieri Barce-a SO/Gatto. Decca D68DR3 records), £9.95

colai: Die lustigen Weiber n Windsor. Donath/Ahnsjö/ dnik / Brendel / Ridderbusch. varian SO/Kubelik. Decca 6D3 (cassette K86K33), 1.95

arpentier: Louise. Sills/ um/Gedda/Van Dam Paris era O/Rudel. Angel SCLX (EMI import), £13.80

vré: Die schöne Galathée. iffo / Wagemann / Kollo/ uber. Munich RO/Eichborn. A RL 25108, £3.99

ith the publication of RCA's *gar*, Puccini's operas are now represented on disc. *Manon scaut* is the earliest of them it one wants to see in regular ge repertory, but the serious dent of Puccini must listen o, perhaps repeatedly, to the st two operas as well, the rce of Puccini's precociously ture operatic idiom. *Le lli*, his operatic baptism, has en available for some three ars (thanks also to RCA— central act of *Edgar* was cluded as a set-filler).

Edgar is a lurid and coarse ce of stagecraft with an ab-rd libretto which nevertheless arred young Puccini's lusty ention with its manly but pricious hero and his two ers, pure Fidelia and the hot-oded gypsy Tigrana, together th her other baritone lover, fatherly bass, and choruses of urchgoing villagers, voluptu-es and soldiers—plenty of terial for rousing ensembles d passionate solos.

For much of the time the ady Puccini manner is al-ady in evidence, even if the le slips a centimetre or ree, every so often, into ddle Verdi or Ponchielli, or rumbustious oom-pah that connect with later Mascagni less aspiring strain than m-pah Verdi). A few minutes "Innocent Ear" listening ray the composer's musical rsonality, and they will be roughly enjoyable minutes, rticularly in this performce which emanates from the w York concert operas con-cted by Eve Queler, already resented on record by nizetti and Massenet operas. *Edgar* is given a smarter, re expert, still spirited per-mance, decently balanced, audience very quiet till the plause at the end. Carlo gnani supplies the velvet l the steel for Edgar's music. nato Scotto is a touching, o stirring Fidelia, Gwendo-n Killebrew vocally sump-us and impassioned as rana, Puccini's only major mezzo-soprano character, and an impressive one, too. Given all this, one can suspend disbelief for quite long stretches, and learn much about Puccini's natural genius.

Competition runs high with a new recording of Puccini's *Madama Butterfly*. Decca's latest version comes from Barcelona where a largely Spanish cast was led by Montserrat Caballé. On record at least she is a greatly touching Cio-Cio-San, deliciously kittenish in the bridal scene, though already delicately noble in the entry from offstage, and the growth from girl to woman and tragic heroine is exquisitely controlled, without carelessness or rough edges, a great singer at her most sensitive.

Her husband Bernabé Martí is the likeable, modestly scaled Pinkerton, Franco Bordoni a pleasing Sharpless, the rest modestly acceptable, with a cleanly glowing orchestral performance under Armando Gatto. If a *Butterfly* on those terms (*much* more than "ma femme et cinq poupées") attracts you more than Callas, or Scotto, or Freni, or Los Angeles, you won't be disappointed; I wouldn't part with the new one.

Tough luck for Nicolai addicts who bought DG's *Merry Wives of Windsor*, and admirable *set spoilt by a tiresome compère* in lieu of spoken dialogue. The new Decca version, *soundtrack for a commercial* film, includes the dialogue, cheerfully done, and makes more agreeable listening with a cast no less attractive, and the still magnificent Bavarian Symphony Orchestra conducted with rare delicacy and rhythmical vitality by Rafael Kubelik. On the other hand, the CBS *Louise*, conducted by *Prêtre and with Cotrubas, Domingo* and a French cast recorded in London, still proclaims the *delights of fin-de-siècle* Paris as celebrated by Charpentier (*why* this irresistible *masterpiece is not in one* of our operatic repertories, playing to ecstatic full houses, *remains a mystery*) more completely than the *new* French Columbia set, recorded in Paris *and imported here by EMI*. It, too, has much charm, Gedda's impassioned hero, José Van Dam's *touching* Father (really a selfish, reactionary old devil), Mignon Dunn's harpy Mother. Louise herself, the adorable Berverley Sills, alas, is in squally and wobbly voice, seldom her pristine irresistible self. The CBS acoustics is *happier*, too.

Devotees of Suppé should note the record of *Lovely Galatea*, cheerfully done with a good cast led by Anna Moffo less inaccurate than of late, a promising omen, perhaps.

William Mann



St Paul's farewell to the Ephesians, a woodcut by Julius Schnorr von Carosfeld, 1860.

A 'St Paul' fired with operatic conviction

Mendelssohn: St Paul. Helen Donath, Banna Schwarz, Werner Hollweg, Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, Düsseldorf Musikverein Chorus, Düsseldorf SO/ Frühbeck de Burgos. EMI SLS 5092, £9.95.

Stravinsky: Oedipus Rex. Kerstin Meyer, Sir Peter Pears, John Alldis Choir, LPO/Solti. Decca SET 616, £4.25 ☐ KCET 616, £3.99.

Stravinsky: Les noces, Mass. English Bach Festival Chorus and Orchestra/Bernstein. DG 2530 880, £4.35 ☐ 3300 880, £4.50.

Poulenc: Gloria, **Stravinsky**: Symphony of Psalms. Judith Blegen, Westminster Choir and NYPO (Poulenc), English Bach Festival Chorus and LSO (Stravinsky)/Bernstein. CBS 76670, £4.29.

By an odd coincidence I am confronted here with two works which both look back, clearly and deliberately, to the *Passions* of Bach and the oratorios of Handel. Yet in other respects these works could hardly be more different. Mendelssohn, writing his *St Paul* in the 1830s, could count on an avid audience for sacred oratorio and a flourishing tradition of singing it, could set his work firmly within that tradition. Stravinsky, who composed his opera-oratorio *Oedipus Rex* almost a century later, was forced into a position of ironic equivocation, for this was the time, as Hans Christoph Worbs notes in his introduction to the Mendelssohn recording, when *St Paul* and its like moved into eclipse.

But let no one suppose that that is where Mendelssohn's first oratorio should remain. If you expect an excess of pious sentiment from *St Paul*, then this new recording will come as a surprise. There are a couple of choruses which are frankly embarrassing, but *against them must be set the* elan with which Mendelssohn several times girds himself to a *fugal peroration, the care and* simplicity of his recitatives, the eloquences of many of his arias and, most astonishing of all, the dramatic fervour of the episodes concerning the stoning of St Stephen and the conversion of the titular hero. To be sure, the second part of the work holds less interest, but by then one's sympathies are won.

The two evangelists, the Paul *and Barnabas, for Mendelssohn's case* are Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau and Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos. Mr Fischer-Dieskau contributes a portrait of the apostle which is filled *with as much inner strength as* lyrical force, while Mr Frühbeck de Burgos fires the whole *performance with the almost* operatic conviction this work surely needs. The good opinions *which the oratorio won* in the past century, from Wagner as well as from Queen Victoria, seem not at all misplaced.

Scarcely less revelatory is Sir Georg Solti's recording of *Oedipus Rex*—or perhaps I should describe it as Sir Peter Pears's, since it is *his* singing of the title part that gives this performance its special distinction. His is a weak-minded Oedipus, blinded by his vanity long before he puts out his eyes with Jocasta's brooches, and *his* uncertain shifting of position in the aria "Invidia fortunam odit" *is* perfectly conveyed. But then Sir Georg is equally alive to the complexity of *meaning in this* work. In Jocasta's aria, for instance, he suggests the glee with which *Stravinsky set about introducing* Verdian effusion into a monumental drama, and the final scene is *immensely powerful* yet properly emblematic, not too openly expressive. Given a generally good supporting cast, with Kerstin Meyer as Jocasta and Donald McIntyre as Creon, this must count among the most valuable Stravinsky recordings.

I am inclined, though with a little less certainty, to give a place in that list also to *Leonard Bernstein's disc of Les noces* and the Mass. The coupling is intelligent, bringing *together Stravinsky's Russian* wedding ritual and his most important liturgical work; we *also needed a new Les noces* in Russian. If I hold a few reserves, they concern Mr Bernstein's *sometimes* too physical rhythms (there is one glaringly inappropriate acceleration in *Les noces*) and, in the Mass, his caressing of the severe counterpoint of wind instruments. There is, however, much to be said for his theatrical approach to the ballet score, particularly its final scene of drunken celebration by the consecration of the couple, and the Mass gains from the participation of the *well trained Trinity Boys'* Choir.

It is a pity that Mr Bernstein did not also use boys' voices, as Stravinsky preferred, in his recording of the *Symphony of Psalms*, though he might not then have been able to achieve such an impassioned delivery of *the music as he gets here* from the English Bach Festival Chorus. Perhaps that would *have been no bad thing*. As it stands, this performance is, to put it crudely, more emotionally *than spiritually moving*: there is something false in the solemnity of the middle movement, and something too extrovert in the jubilation of the finale. It may be, however, that Mr Bernstein *is touching on ambiguities* inherent in the work. In the case of a piece composed to the glory of God but dedicated to the Boston Symphony Orchestra, it is hard to be sure. Where Mr Bernstein undoubtedly hits the right note is in his performance of Poulenc's *Gloria on the same* record.

Paul Griffiths

Greater sensitivity of Bernstein 'Faust'

Liszt: "Faust" Symphony; **Boito**: "Mefistofele" Prologue, Boston Symphony Orchestra, Nicolai Ghiaurov. Leonard Bernstein. DG 2707 100 (2 LPs) (£7.90).

Liszt: Les Préludes; Prometheus; Festklänge, London Philharmonic. Sir Georg Solti. Decca SXL6863 (£3.99) ☐ KSC6863 (£3.99).

Goldmark: Violin Concerto No 1; **Sarasate**: Zigeunerweisen, Itzhak Perlman, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra André Previn. EMV ASD 3408 (£3.99) ☐ TC-ASD3408 (£4.25).

It may seem an outrageous thing to say about anyone who has been internationally famous for so long as Bernstein, yet he does seem to me a greatly improved conductor. Having lately reheard some of his earlier LPs (eg. a lacklustre 1961 *Daphnis et Chloé* reissued on CBS 61815), one cannot but reflect on how much more sensitive his recent work is. The new "Faust" Symphony is a good instance even though Bernstein is here up against the Beecham classic (EMV SXDW 3022), a performance Lisztians have cherished for two decades, and which has extraordinary dramatic tension and psychological insight.

That last is vital, for the Symphony takes the form of character studies of Faust, Gretchen and Mephistofeles, in effect three symphonic poems. Each has many themes, reflecting different aspects of the archetypes they represent, and these are perceptively moulded and related by Bernstein. Hear, for example, the brooding, searching quality imparted to Faust's initial theme (a genuine twelve-tone one); and throughout this movement is maintained a feeling of dangerous exploration, of mysterious depths.

In the Gretchen piece we find a style of chamber orchestration that is supposed to have been a later innovation of Mahler. Bernstein shapes this most tenderly yet is at his best with the romantic violence of Faust's struggles and the coldly glittering cynicisms of Mephistofeles, this last movement, indeed, receiving an extraordinary performance. There is fine playing from the Boston SO, a resonant, wide-spaced stereo recording—and a highly i appropriate coupling on side What Boito's oddly Germanize Italian music is doing here cannot, despite notable singi by Ghiaurov, imagine. One Liszt's symphonic poems woul perfectly have filled the bil except that the sleeve quote Bernstein as considering th "Faust" Symphony this com poser's only "authentic orches tral masterpiece".

How wrong he is is proved b Solti's new disc, Vol 2, in hi series of Liszt symphoni poems. Vol 1 (Decca SX 6709) appeared in 1975 and i is pleasant to see a recordin project for once being carrie through without maximu haste. The Vol 2 pieces all dat from the 1850s, like th "Faust" Symphony, and *Pro metheus*, which started life a an overture to Herder' *Prometheus Unbound*, is simi lar, in fact, in expression an suits Solti particularly well. *Festklänge* and *Les Préludes* too, however, there is super lative playing, each perform ance having about it a quality of spontaneous combustion; ye though Solti always responds to extremes, the lyrical passage are also given their full value These noble, spacious interpre tations are vividly recorded o disc but the cassette sound i curiously muffled.

Like the Liszt symphoni poems, Goldmark's Violin Con certo No 1 is scarcely ever heard in the concert hall and so recordings are important There is a fine 20-year-old per formance by Milstein (HMV SXLP30193), but a new version was needed of this lively and charming piece. Perlman and Previn's reading with the Pitts burgh SO is of the highest accomplishment and yet is manifestly affectionate. This Concerto is, indeed, like the "Rustic Wedding" Symphony —the only other Goldmark piece to survive—full of genta poetry, especially in the lovely Andante. The filler, Sarasate's Zigeunerweisen, though a pure lollipop by today's austere standards, is more aggressive being an exultant gypsy (no Hungarian) rhapsody for violin and orchestra in which Perl man enjoys himself as much as will all who hear him. The recording is admirable, and this time the cassette sound is nearer to that of the disc.

Max Harrison

Vivaldi uses a libretto familiar to Handelians

Vivaldi: Orlando furioso. Soloists/I soloisti Veneti Scimone. RCA Erato STU 71138(3), £14.25.

Bach: 2 Concertos: Suite No 2. Galway/Zagreb Soloists. RCA RL 25119, £3.99.

Boyce: 8 Symphonies: Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields/ Marriner. Argo ZRG 874, £3.99.

Vivaldi, familiar to us, as to most of his contemporaries, as a master of the concerto, was a prolific composer of operas. If his claim that he wrote close on 100 is to be credited, he must have written many more arias than he did concerto movements.

Promptly for next month's tercentenary, RCA have issued his *Orlando furioso*. First given in Venice in 1727, though including music from earlier pieces, *Orlando has things in its* libretto that will be familiar to Handelians: based on Ariosto's epic, it covers ground similar not only to Handel's *Orlando* but also his *Alcina*.

It might actually have been easier to follow, and believe in, what seems a confused, illogical and overloaded plot had this version, prepared by the conductor, Claudio Scimone, been less violently cut and reshuffled. More than half the scenes of Act I are omitted; Act II is reordered and abbreviated; Act III is shorn of its central episodes. There is still much dry recitative. Preserving some sort of plot outline is doubtless important, but I am inclined to think that to favour the bathwater above the baby may represent an inversion of values.

On the evidence of *Orlando* I would hesitate to call Vivaldi a natural musical dramatist, even allowing for the conventions of *opera seria*. *Orlando* himself, the central character, is well endowed with arias, some of them passionate and fiery. His big mad scenes, however, are conducted in recitative, *much of it with only* continuo accompaniment. They are still remarkable music, with their angular lines, their twists of tonality, their startling variations of pace and their outbursts into forceful unisons. Handel, five years later, went one better with his mixture of recitative and lyrical music, which carries the emotional stress a stage further.

Vivaldi the violinist is often to be heard: many arias draw on the figuration, the sequences and the vigorous style of his concertos. But there is also *expressive cantabile music*. Alcina fares well, with a particularly original and eloquent aria in the *powerful series of* scenes near the end of Act II. There is attractive music for Angelica and for Ruggiero, *notably an aria with obbligato* flute. But that is spoiled by the use of a baritone for a *castrato part; none of Sesto* Bruscantini's skill can conceal the fact that he is singing music hopelessly ill-suited to his voice.

Lajos Kosma is strained in the tenor role of Medoro, and Lucia Valentini-Terrani as Alcina is perhaps too plummy a mezzo to make a convincing sorceress. As Angelica, Victoria de los Angeles, occasional pitch troubles apart, sings smoothly and lyrically. In the title role Marilyn Horne is magnificent—powerful, rhythmic, clean in her florid music, *and often impassioned*.

Mr Scimone directs spiritedly, but in the recitative, although cadences are properly elided, he is too ponderous and deliberate; and the effect of *organ colouring for certain* characters—giving, for example, Alcina a patina rather like Christ's in the *Matthew Passion* —seems inappropriate. Mr Scimone's eagerness for authenticity often fades before his subjective judgment, notably in the inclusion of a cantata to supply him with a lyrical number where Vivaldi had omitted to *do so. The omission was surely* intentional, and the piece is wildly out of character.

Bach, regrettably, omitted to write a concerto for the flute. James Galway, happily, is undeterred: he couples with the *B minor flute suite two* Bach concertos, one made from the F minor for keyboard, the *other from cantatas*. He plays all this music with spirit, and carries off the cantilena in the Largo of the F minor (now A minor) a good deal more flexibly and expressively than a harpsichordist could. He is at his best, urbane, limpid in tone, and unfailingly rhythmic, in the dance movements of the suite.

William Boyce's Eight Symphonies, from the court odes and theatre pieces of the mid-eighteenth century, proclaim their Englishness in each bar: their eclectic style, their undogmatic treatment of counterpoint, their vitality and fresh tunefulness—all these represent the confident bourgeois art of Georgian England at its prime. Neville Marriner directs performances that are splendidly energetic, and he nicely catches Boyce's elusive tempos. I like the airy bowing of the violins, and don't much like the unnecessary (though few) refinements applied to Boyce's instrumentation.

Stanley Sadie

Coming to terms with a Parisian eccentric

Alkan: Piano Works. Ronald Smith. HMV SLS 5100, £7.50 (three records)

Chopin: Preludes. Martha Argerich. DG 2530 721, £4.35. 3300 721, £4.50.

Piano Recital. Lazar Berman. CBS 76612 (K), £4.29.

Bridge: Piano Trio No 2/ Phantasy for Piano Quartet/ Miniatures for Piano Trio (set 3) Tunnell Trio/Brian Hawkins. Argo ZK 40, £2.50

"He may be an interesting player who well understands *the rarer effects of his instrument*, but as a composer only the severest studies will enable him to *make* much progress, for he sinks too frequently into mere superficiality." So wrote Schumann in the *Neue Zeitschrift für Musik* of Alkan, then in his middle twenties. Busoni, with hindsight, countered by claiming Alkan as "one of the five greatest composers for the piano since Beethoven".

Wherever the truth lies, no *one can feel anything but gratitude* to Ronald Smith for giving us a further chance of coming to terms with one of nineteenth-century Paris's most enigmatically interesting eccentrics. His new three-disc album includes such mammoth works as the Concerto, Symphony and Overture for piano solo besides a *selection of shorter items in*cluding finger-teasers like the *Festin d'Esope* Variations, the Allegro Barbaro, *and the study* "Comme le vent", all of which he dispatches with a remarkably accurate, crystalline brilliance, moreover a keen response to the unpredictable tempered with an emotional detachment that could scarcely be more stylish and right for this particular *virtuoso-pianist-composer*. The recorded tone is bright and true, so at £7.50 the *box is a bargain "collector's* piece".

I have always thought the quality of Alkan's inspiration curiously uneven, sometimes de*scending to the banal, and many* an undistinguished idea outstays its welcome. Yet there are also things in this music sufficiently new, strange and disturbing to be years ahead of their time.

On more familiar ground *Martha Argerich offers a new* version of the Preludes by Alkan's good friend, Chopin. Experts remain undecided as to how many of these pieces were actually written at Valdemosa, but it was to that deserted, *windswept, mountain monastery* that Argerich's performance constantly took me in imagination. Sometimes the wind blows at gale force at the expense of clarity (as in the turbulent Nos 8, 12, 22 and 24). Even one or two of the calmer ones (like Nos 11, 17 and 23) seem unnecessarily urgent, and in a *variety of contexts she is often* impulsive in her reactions in smaller ways. But though the *result is more in the nature of* inspired improvisation than something long premeditated *or architecturally planned*, it is a marvellously vivid, atmospheric performance emphasizing Chopin's *total inability to* escape from the terrors of his imagination (as George Sand *once put it*) while at the same time reminding us of his audacious originality in harmony and texture. I shall keep it in my library for when I want to be reminded of the Preludes not as it were by a photograph, but an artist's impression. Besides Op 28 complete, the disc also includes the *C sharp minor/Op 45 and post*humous A flat Preludes. Recorded tone is excellent.

Lazar Berman's recital is a popular mélange with Russian music as its core—Preludes and Etudes by Rachmaninov *and Scriabin*, Khachaturian's Toccata and Prokofiev's *Three Oranges* March. Scriabin's two richly romantic early Etudes are splendidly fervent, but Rachmaninov's famous C sharp minor Prelude and simple little *G major Prelude are both over*interpreted in different ways (the latter includes an extra melody note in its fifth bar). There is some impressive keyboard colouring in Liszt's arrangement of Schubert's "Gretchen" and "Der Erlkönig", and Rachmaninov's arrangement of Beethoven's *Turkish March* is sturdy. But I cannot see the point of detaching the Minuet (with somewhat *musical-box-like staccato) from* Beethoven's Op 49, No 2 sonata, and I miss the magic of a *Rubinstein* in both Chopin's C sharp minor Etude and Falla's Ritual Fire Dance.

For a long time many of us knew Frank Bridge only as the composer of school-room pieces or as *the teacher of Benjamin* Britten. Gradually the gramophone is setting the score straight. Argo's latest rescue is of three chamber works, all new to the catalogue, telling the tale of Bridge's progress from amiable miniaturist through W. W. Cobbett-type English fantasy to the search*ing European-slanted modernist* emerging from a world war. The outstanding discovery is *the second piano trio (1929)*, a 30-minute work drawing more from the second Viennese School than anything on these *shores in exploration of a* strange, sometimes spectral world. The Tunnell Trio cannot be overpraised for their delicacy and finesse in the composer's masterly understatement, not least in matters of sonority. *Though in the* Phantasy for Piano Quartet (1910) Bridge's idiom is more lyrically nostalgic and traditional there is the same hypersensitivity behind the sterling craftsmanship, again finely reflected in the performance. The early Miniatures for Piano Trio (set 3) of 1907, though *only entertainment music, are* no less finely proportioned.

Joan Chissell

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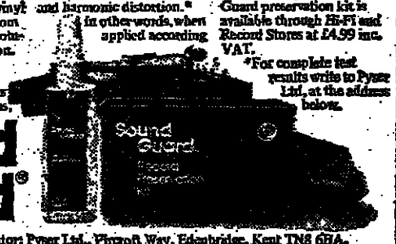
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Chess

Glittering prizes

All looks, if not exactly set fair, at least reasonably calm for the world championship match that is due to take place on about July 15 in one of seven countries: the Netherlands, the Philippines, Austria, West Germany, France, Italy or Switzerland. This may appear surprising to those familiar with the immense complications and protracted negotiations that attended the last world championship match, that between Spassky and Fischer, at Reykjavik in 1972.

At that event it had proved impossible to get the players to agree upon a venue and the President of the World Chess Federation, Dr Max Euwe, had to decree it should be Reykjavik, in Iceland. Even then, there were further delays. It so happened that I was on the same plane as Dr Euwe, going from England to Iceland. It was the afternoon of Saturday, July 1, and the opening ceremony was scheduled for that evening. The President told me he intended to stay for the first game on Sunday and return home on Monday. In fact he returned home on July 5 and the match did not start until July 11.

I do not think anything like this will happen in the present match. Unlike the earlier match, both players seem to be in agreement with the conditions of play. Korchnoi has even indicated that he will agree to a venue chosen by Karpov. For, he says, the world champion is known to like money, and clearly Korchnoi has similar tastes.

The question now is, where will the match be played? I had heard that other countries were putting in bids for the match, apart from the seven already mentioned. For example, there had been a project to hold the event in England and, from a telephone conversation with a representative of the Icelandic Chess Federation, I learnt that Reykjavik was again putting in a bid.

Perhaps these, and other potential bidders, were deterred by the report that Hamburg was prepared to make a 4,000,000 DM bid for the match and that the Philippines were going to offer even more. In fact the German bid (1,000,000 Swiss francs) was only about a quarter of that originally indicated. There is a mystery here. Perhaps they meant that 1,000,000 would be the prizefund and that the 3,000,000 would be available for all the expenses of holding the match? Is it possible that such expenses would amount to £750,000?

It all depends on who likes what money—we shall know by March 16 at the latest.

Here is the lively second game of the Spassky-Korchnoi match played at Belgrade last year.

White: *Spassky*
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4	P-K5	P-QB4			

In the 4th game of the match Spassky played here P-QR4 and in the sixth he tried 7 Kt-B3. Both these games were drawn.

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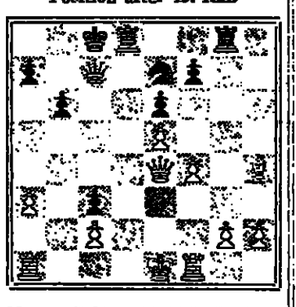
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10	Kt-K2	QKt-B3	14	B-B2	
11	P-KB4	B-Q2			

An interesting preventative move; if at once 14 KtxQP, KtxKt; 15 QxKt, Kt-Q4; with good counterplay for Black.

14	. . .	O-O-O	17	B-R4	B-Kt4
15	Kt-Q5	KtxKt	18	Q-R4	BxB
16	QxKt	P-Kt3	19	RxB	

Now his king has to remain in the centre where it is exposed to attack; instead he should have been content with the draw that follows after 19 Q-R8 ch, K-Q2: 20 O-O-O, ch, Kt-Q4; 21 RxKt ch, PxR; 22 QxP ch, K-B1; 23 Q-R8 ch, K-Q2; 24 Q-Q5 ch, etc.

Position after 19. RxB



19	. . .	R-Q4	21	R-B3	K-Kt1
20	BxKt	QxB	22	K-B1	

Risky: safer is Najdorf's suggestion 22 P-Kt3.

22	. . .	R-Q7	25	KxR	R-Q7 ch
23	R-B2	R(Kt1)-Q1	26	K-Kt3	
24	Q-B3	RxR ch			

Unfortunately for White, after the normal 26 K-B1, Black gets an overwhelming attack by 26 . . . Q-B4.

26	. . .	Q-Q1	29	K-Kt3	Q-Kt2 ch
27	Q-K1	Q-Kt1 ch	30	K-B3	R-Q1
28	K-R3	Q-R1 ch	31	P-Kt4	

Now 31 P-Kt3 would give Black too strong an attack after 31 . . . Q-R3 ch; 32 K-Kt4, R-Kt1 ch; 33 K-B3, QxRP.

31	. . .	R-R1 ch	34	K-B3	R-Q1
32	K-Kt3	Q-R3	35	Q-Kt3	Q-K2
33	Q-Kt2	Q-R6 ch	36	P-Kt5	

A losing move-in time trouble. Correct was 36 R-K1.

36	. . .	R-Q7	39	K-R5	R-B7
37	K-Kt4	Q-Kt2	40	K-Kt4	Q-R5
38	QxP	R-Kt7 ch	resigns		

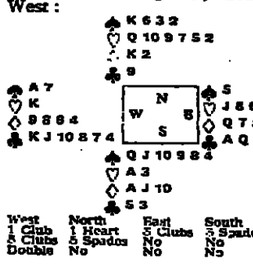
Harry Golombek

Bridge

Limited foresight

Modern writers devote their teaching, in various forms, to safety play, without analysing the circumstances which drive the declarer into a speculative contract that demands unusual handling. I think that their examples are merely reflecting the extra pressure which non-vulnerable partners are accustomed to applying to their vulnerable opponents. Otherwise, I cannot understand how the bidding by West in the next deal can have been described by an expert commentator as "clever examples of advance sacrifice". I should have been more interested in the deal had South, with the knowledge that there could be two aces against him, called the opponents' bluff by bidding a small slam. But form your own conclusions.

North South game; dealer West:



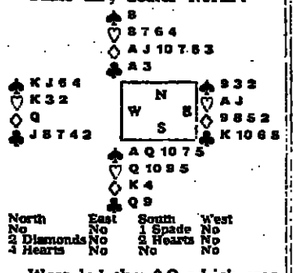
West	North	East	South
1 Club	1 Heart	3 Clubs	3 Spades
5 Clubs	5 Spades	No	No
Double	No	No	No

There is not a sensible bid in the whole sequence, with the excepion of South's final pass, because he must have been tempted to redouble on the chance that one of his opponents might take fright and remove the double into Six Clubs. But the bidding provides a useful introduction to the dangers inherent in pressure bidding against a higher-ranking suit.

West made his prepared lead of the ♡K, asuming that he would be able to obtain a ruff by finding his partner's sure trick. But South was in no doubt that the ♡K was singleton, and he had no intention of incurring a certain penalty by drawing an immediate round of trumps. The stage was set for a perfect "scissors" coup, because there was only one way to keep East off play. Declarer won with the ♡A and then led the ◇J. When West did not cover with the ◇Q, dummy won with the ◇K and a finesse was taken against East on the next round; dummy's singleton club was thrown on the ◇A, and trumps could safely be played. Declarer risked the loss of an extra 300, in order to avoid the loss of 200, and in the process made his contract with an over-trick, his play was elementary because he could adopt only one line with any prospect of success. There was no other way whereby he could deprive East of the lead.

Whenever the defender on lead opens a card which is patently a singleton with a view to securing at least one ruff, his partner must assume that the lead is accompanied by control of the trump suit and should reconstruct the hands accordingly. This assumption may bring about a complete change of plan in defence.

Game all; dealer North:



North	East	South	West
No	No	1 Spade	No
2 Diamonds	No	3 Hearts	No
4 Hearts	No	No	No

West led the ◇Q which was easily identified as a singleton, not only by the declarer but also by East who had four small diamonds. The essential element in defence was the recognition that West would not have chosen this opening in the face of the strong bidding unless he had trump control. Declarer won with dummy's ◇A and forthwith played a trump.

Confident that he must give West the ruff for which he asked, and relying upon his partner for at least one other trick, East won the trump with the ♡A and returned his lowest diamond, ruffed by West with the ♡3. From the ◇5 West deduced that his partner was asking for a club, and he played the ♣2; but the defence had foundered. Declarer won with the ♣A, led the ◇J on which he discarded his ♣Q, and compelled West to ruff with the ♡K. Declarer had now only to ruff dummy's loser and to pick up the ♡J.

Before playing to the second trick East omitted to obtain a picture of his partner's hand. The first question he should have asked himself was "If West has led a singleton and is asking for a ruff, how many trumps does he hold?" He would have found the answer by trusting West for trump control, and since East held the ♡A, he could safely assume that West must have three trumps and not a doubleton. It would then become clear to East that he must not be precipitate in returning the singleton, because the defenders needed at least one more trick. That fourth trick could not be lost to the defence if it were the ♠A, but it might be the ♣K.

So East should reckon from the shape of the dummy and of his own trump holding that declarer had bid on four hearts only, lacking the ♡K in addition to his own two honours. He would allow dummy's trump to run to his partner and West would return a club which was East's only possible trick in addition to the ♡A. If declarer now played a second round of trumps, a precarious move with such weak trumps, East would be able to cash his ♣K before West made his diamond ruff.

Edward Mayer

Collecting

Stick with it

"Then suddenly another sound became audible—a very gentle, soothing sound, like that of a small jet of steam escaping from a kettle. The instant that we heard it, Holmes sprang from the bed, struck a match, and lashed furiously with his cane at the bell-pull. 'You see it, Watson?' he yelled. 'You see it?'"

Sherlock Holmes would have been in a pretty pickle without his walking cane, a standard accessory for gentlemen in 1892 when *The Speckled Band* was first published in the *Strand Magazine*. Walking sticks were still a common piece of equipment, even for the casually dressed gent, in 1930. Arnold Bennett's *Imperial Palace*, published in that year, contains this sentence: "He was correctly dressed, in the informal style that was his—lounge-suit, soft collar, soft hat, light walking-stick, no gloves." This is no hiker in shorts, with a knapsack on his back, but a man about town.

Why is it that walking sticks and canes have gone so totally out of fashion since then? Partly perhaps that canes became associated with officers' swagger sticks, and the two world wars put militarism out of favour. Partly that a walking stick was of no use in bicycle or motor car travel. Partly that the rolled umbrella, with its dual purpose, replaced canes as emblems of the city gent. A *Punch* cartoon showed a young man buying an umbrella and saying to the shop assistant: "I suppose it's vaguely waterproof?" And partly that Freudian psycho-analysis suggested that carrying sticks might represent some form of "compensation": I have seen this suggested of the heroes of John Cowper Powys's novels, whose walking sticks assume an almost mystic importance. (As in *Wolf Solent*, 1929, in which these are characteristic lines: "He swung his stick excitedly in the darkness. . . . Wolf shogged off by himself, and as soon as the crowd concealed him from the sight of his friends, he began waving his stick in the air. This was an old trick of his, and he invariably gave way to it when, after any prolonged period of human intercourse, he found himself alone and in the open. . . . He moved on, with a wave of his stick, as if to dispel this phantom. . . . He couldn't resist the distraction of fumbling about at random with his stick among the buttercup-stalks. . . . Reversing the position of his stick in his fingers as if he scrupled to touch this golden sea with anything but its handle, he did his best to turn this new clairvoyance upon the knot of his own identity.")

But I think the main reason for the decline of the cane and the walking stick is that they were associated with foppishness and Regency dandyism, Brummell, Whistler and the *Ballade of Beau Brocade*. This was all very well for the frivolous 1920s, but it would not do for the young men of the post-slump, serious thirties.

Sir Osbert Lancaster has recalled of this period that "Sulka shirts and Charvet ties were now outmoded by thick dark flannel and hairy tweed". Ivory-topped canes went the same way, some of them, like the equally obsolete parasols (which went out because sunbathing became popular during the 1920s and young ladies no longer wanted to shield their complexions) had their decorative handles sawn off and turned into magnifying-glasses. These hybrids are sold by the dozen by Limner Antiques, downstairs in the Bond Street Antiques Centre.

As canes and walking-sticks have become bygones, they have also become collectors' pieces. One of the best selections of antique examples is at Asprey's, New Bond Street. The sticks have crook handles, crutch handles and knob handles. The crook and crutch handled sticks had a more functional role; the knob handle was usually purely for elegance. A Russian ebony cane topped with a carved agate dog's head with gold and sapphire eyes and an 18 carat gold band, late-nineteenth century, is £1,500; another Russian cane, rosewood with an elaborate niello top, is £255. A magnificent dress cane topped with an enormous amethyst, more than 1½in in diameter, surrounded by pearls and mounted on a 9 carat gold basket, probably late-nineteenth century, is £1,350.

Mr Terry Stacey, of Asprey's walking stick department, who collects canes himself, pointed out to me that the French eighteenth-century examples in stock are much longer than the nineteenth-century canes. This is because they were held by the shaft, not by the handle. They include a magnificent long cane of 1762 made by Nicholas Durier with a top of four tones of multicoloured gold. The price is £695: lower than the Russian nineteenth-century sticks because it is less likely to be bought for use.

Mr Stacey also told me: "Nowadays, people like to know the history of the canes. We used to have to take inscriptions and initials off, but now we leave them on: for example, the inscription on this one dates it to 1903."

Some of the canes most sought-after by collectors are "Novelty" examples. Asprey's have a snuff-box cane, with a horn top, mounted in silver set with a Cairngorm stone (£395); a delightful sovereign cane, topped by a silver sphere which opens horizontally to take sovereigns (£395); or amusing ivory carvings—but if you buy elsewhere than Asprey's beware of handles which are merely converted Japanese *netsuke*, or ivory sash toggles, put to new use. Asprey's will also make to order canes containing long thin spirit flasks, like that from which José Ferrer was shown drinking as Toulouse-Lautrec in *Moulin Rouge*, on our television sets last Sunday.

Fragile materials were used for the handles, as well as gold, silver and ivory. Asprey's have a cane with a nineteenth-century Meissen knob, decorated with flowers, at £315. On March 6 Sotheby's are to sell an unusual *milchglas* (opaque white glass) cane handle—minus its cane—decorated with flowers and a winged cupid holding a bow; the auctioneer's estimate is only £40 to £60. But on March 14 they will be selling a very rare Lowestoft porcelain cane handle decorated in underglaze blue with chinoiserie figures, complete with its malacca cane, and the estimate for that is £200 to £350. It dates from about 1757 to 1760, and is the only known example of a Lowestoft cane handle. Mr Paul Mack, of Sotheby's ceramics department, tells me that several Continental porcelain cane handles are coming up in a sale on the afternoon of April 11, including examples by Meissen and in French soft-paste.

The Garrick Club have on show in a glass case (not on view to the general public) Thomas King's cane with a fine St Cloud porcelain handle. A friend of mine, the late Miss Lilian Russell, owned an identical cane. After the burglaries at her house in Tulse Hi London—in one of which s was held captive by the bu glars and took the occasion tell them exactly what s thought of them,—she lo almost all of her magnifice collection of English and Co tinental ceramics, little which has been recovered. E the thieves left behind n cane with the St Cloud hand in the umbrella stand, e dently not realizing its val (about £150). To them it w just a useless old stick.

The best known porcela topped cane is that of t Comte de Montesquiou; he portrayed holding it in Bo dini's portrait of 1897. Monte quiou was the part-original Proust's Baron Charlus, Wilde's Dorian Gray and Huysmans's Des Esseintes. I was unjustly alleged to ha used the cane to beat his va out of a charity bazaar wh the cours la Reine buildi caught fire in May, 1897. Mo tesquiou was not even at t bazaar, but that did not st his enemy Jean Lorrain fro describing the cane as "th battle axe for five ladies s tongs for the removal corpses of dead ones, hen forth so dismally celebrated the annals of masculine ele ance".

One genuinely aggressi kind of cane is regaining popularity: the sword stick. the nineteenth century the lethal weapons were carried dimly lit streets for se defence, and, with the increa in "mugging", people a beginning to buy them aga Asprey's have one with a bo handle, silver mounted, £160. Cheaper examples can found in the Portobello Ro and at Yvonne D'Silva, stands V21 and V22 in Ar quarius Market, Kings Ro Chelsea, who stocks ma other kinds of canes and also a keen collector.

I wrote to the Home Offi to ask what the legal positi is on selling and owni sword-sticks. I was told that is perfectly legal to sell swo sticks. The Home Office h encountered no great abu that would necessitate a re sion of the law. It is also qu legal to hang one on the w as an *objet d'art*.

Under the Prevention Crime Act, 1953, it is offence to carry an offensi weapon in a public place wi out lawful authority or a re sonable excuse. Considerab latitude is left to the pol under this definition: it likely that a sword stick c ried at an Arsenal-Spurs ma would be viewed in a differe light from one carried do Bond Street. The policeman expected to make his o judgment according to the c cumstances. To me this see a practical and sensible p ing; though I forsee that the might be protests from t extreme left that it sugge there is one rule for the r and another for the poor.

Bevis Hill

Gardening

Coming in from the cold

The old legend about Candlemas day let us down this year. We were in Paris on February 2 and it rained all day, as I believe it did here in southern England. Still with these old weather sayings we expect them to go wrong sometimes—the Candlemas day prediction has a proud record of being correct much more often than not.

Be that as it may the cold spell may have done our gardens an appreciable amount of good especially if the soil is heavy and we were fortunate enough to have turned it over roughly before the cold spell set in.

The frost has penetrated several inches into the ground in many areas and this will have had the effect of breaking up the heavy soils so that it will be easy to rake them down to a fine tilth.

The soil has been much colder than usual but this is not altogether a bad thing. True we may not be able to snatch some of our vegetable crops as early as we would like unless we are prepared to raise them under glass. Peas, broad beans and lettuces may be sown in boxes or Jiffy 7s in a frame or greenhouse for planting out when the soil has warmed up; or we can put cloches in position outside for a week or two to warm the soil up before sowing.

At Wisley last week the soil temperature at 1m (just over 3ft) below ground was only 4.0°C (39°F). Last year on the same day it was 6.2°C (43°F).

The recent mild spell has of course improved the situation regarding soil temperatures.

This year the fruit trees are still dormant and obviously blossoming will be later this year which of course pleases the fruit growers because the later the blossom appears the better the chances of its escaping frost damage. Two years ago, in some parts of the country pears were in bloom in February.

Personally, from a gardening point of view I prefer a late spring every time. They say "a late spring never deceives", meaning that when it does arrive it usually stays and does not go back on itself.

Anyway, this year we must resists the temptation to sow or plant too soon and if we want to steal a march on the weather, it will have to be by the use of cold or heated glass or plastic cover.

In some areas where there has been snow cover, unpleasant as it no doubt was for humans and animals, it will have protected many plants from frost damage. As the old saying goes "A mantle of snow is like a mother to the earth, but if it stays too long it is like a mother-in-law."

There seems to be a reawakening of interest in borders or sections of a garden even, of one colour, and undoubtedly all the jubilee publicity last year must have resulted in many thousands of silvery or variegated plants being planted in parks and gardens.

I have seen quite a few attempts at one-colour gardens in the past both here and abroad but few have really to my mind quite succeeded. The white gardens at Sissinghurst and at Crathes Castle and the red garden at Hidcote are quite the most beautiful of their kind that I have seen. There is much to be said for devoting an area to white and silver plants near the house where it can be seen from the windows or from a favourite sitting place, in the fading evening light. Even in the moonlight they look quite charming.

If one does not want to narrow the planting down to silver or white and green variegated or white-flowered plants, delightful effects are obtained in the evening with yellow flowers, too. A *Laburnum vossii* with its rich golden racemes, evening primroses, golden lupins, yellow roses, these and many more placed carefully against a dark background give a striking effect.

A pleasing combination is the silvery foliage and golden racemes of flowers, this time standing upright, on the branches of *Cytisus battandieri*. This is a charming Moroccan small tree or shrub which will reach a height of about 10 or 12ft and as much through. It is easily raised from seeds but is difficult to root from cuttings.

Yellow lilies too, such as *Lilium* "Golden Splendour", *L* "Citronella", *L* "Limelight", *L* "Destiny", to name only a few stand out boldly. Lilies too in general have the added advantage of sweet scent. A good buy among lilies, incidentally, is *L* "Enchantment" a vivid red variety which grows about 3ft high and in any reasonable garden soil increases generously.

And while on the subject of lilies the varieties of *Lilium speciosum* with their reflexing petals are really delightful. They flower in August later than the general run of lilies and they are sweetly scented.

Also the flowers last longer than many other lilies. The most striking of these forms of *L speciosum* is "Grand Commander", rich deep red paling at the edges of the petals. It will grow 4ft or more and carry up to 30 flowers on a stem. It and indeed all the *L speciosum* varieties are much in demand by the flower arrangers. A splendid pure white variety is "Elizabee" and there are also pink, crimson spotted varieties. Walter Blom and Son, Leavesden, Watford, Herts, offer a well chosen selection of lilies in their new catalogue including those I have mentioned above.

JOBS FOR MARCH

Most of us I fear have a lot to catch up with this year because the autumn and winter were so wet. We should press on with digging, forking over and cleaning flower beds and borders and generally seizing every chance when the soil is not too wet to work to get on top of the cultivation work.

If not already done, cut down herbaceous plants and if it is desired to increase the stock of any particular variety, lift and divide the plants during the month.

Some plants, like rudbeckias, heleniums, phloxes, michaelmas daisies and day lilies (hemerocallis) pay for lifting and dividing every three years or so.

Buy and plant any new herbaceous plants you may wish to add to your collection and try to have any new acquisitions of roses, flowering trees or shrubs planted in Mar

Prune roses and gooseb ries, also red and black c rants and raspberries if n already done.

Place cloches over strawb ries.

Moss on lawns has been u usually troublesome this wint Treat it with a mosskiller, a then feed the lawn with a go spring turf conditioner. prefer to give two dressings lawn fertilizer—one in Ma and another about four to weeks later. Do not wo about weeds—other th moss—just yet—time enou to apply a selective weedkil at the end of April when t weather has warmed up.

Loosen the soil gently roo spring bedding plants a bulbs.

Plant shallots or onion sets.

Towards the end of the mon if the soil is in a fit state work, sow peas, broad bea carrots, onions, lettuces, be root and turnips.

In the greenhouse sow to toes, antirrhinums, lobeli stocks, petunias, salvias, n beckias and verbenas.

Apply a total weedkiller su as simazine or Casoron G paths and drives.

Roy Hi

Drink

Getting a taste for it

Those who want to learn more about wine than they can by reading books and simply progressing from bottle to bottle on their own, have many opportunities of doing so. There are, however, certain things of which to beware: the "tasting parties" offered by many firms can be pleasant and may provide a chance to taste unusual wines, but they seldom deepen appreciation, simply because they are social rather than studious occasions. Tastings announced as likely to include large numbers of wines from different areas are unlikely to be much more than drinking parties. Of course, those who buy wine do have to sample many wines at a single session, but these will be all from one region, usually from the same vintage: it is better to retain a clear impression of what a few wines are like than to end a session by thinking that all are great—but not knowing exactly why.

It must also be said that, although there are many women who are both interested in and authoritative about wine, the sort of tasting that includes them simply because their husbands are already customers of a particular firm, is inclined to irritate the serious wine lover. It is easy to enjoy oneself, learn much and share jokes as well as exchange comments on the wines without being stolid or pompous, but the fact is that, for those who really are not interested in wine except as an accompaniment to what they cook, the circumstance of having a glass in the hand means that they treat the occasion as a cocktail party. Chatter, drinking for the sake of the effect and obvious lack of interest in wine as a subject even for a brief period, can upset anyone who is trying to learn quite as much as the disruption caused by the lighting of a cigarette or the wearing of scent or ostentatious after-shave.

In order to give wives and those whose interest is mainly food something to be serious about as well as wine, World Wines hold tastings that include the serving of regional food-stuffs as light refreshments, in addition to the informative commentary on the wines. Basil Blumberg is in charge of these tastings, which are held in the evenings and Sunday mornings. Practicalities, such as decanting, are also demonstrated. The charge is low—£2.50 per person—and these tastings do offer a chance to get to know wines that may be unfamiliar, with ideas for food to accompany them. Spittoons are provided, but it is said most people prefer to drink. Details from World Wines, 79 Aslett Street, SW18.

Something else to bear in mind is the authority of whoever is conducting the tasting. Are they simply engaged in a type of selling operation? You may be able to buy some of the wines on show at discount prices, but no reputable tutor will object to being questioned about other wines.

The tradition, in "tutored tastings", is for people to sit down and receive a commentary on each wine presented. I admit I don't care for this myself, preferring to do my tasting standing up and in my own time and then to discuss each wine with the presenter, but it does cut down the chattering, and is easier to apportion what students drink by showing one wine at a time. This also prevents the absolute beginner getting puzzled at an early stage. Who the teacher is, however, is of great importance—ideally, they ought to know how to teach as well as how to taste.

The Malmaison Wine Club, run by Clive Coates, MW, and his assistants, holds sit-down tastings, which are often attended by wine trade trainees, in London and other centres and these are always good on the classic wines. Tickets are about £5 per person, details from The Malmaison Wine Club, St Pancras Chambers, Euston Road, NW1. Equally serious are the "workshop" tastings run by Les Amis du Vin; in the past they have covered Rioja and claret, immediate plans are for an approach to tasting, by Michael Broadbent, MW, and Burgundy, by Serena Sutcliffe, MW.

All Masters of Wine have had to taste such a huge range of wines that they are particularly equipped to deal with general questions, and, often, lecture. The claret workshop, which I conducted, had both professionals and absolute novices in the audience, so t a general discussion of e wine, which I encourag taught us all a great deal. this type of tasting you encouraged to spit out samp and there is usually some k of "blotting paper" in form of biscuits and, possib cheese, but it is worth bear in mind the wine trade ma "We buy on apples, sell cheese". The alkalinity of cheese makes all wine t better than it usually does, the critical appraisal should involve the palate being influenced by cheese. My c set of students were made munch a piece of young carrot—perhaps the best pa sharpener of all—before get on to the cheese.

Programme from Les A du Vin, 51 Chiltern Street, Tickets cost around £5 eac

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Dromoland Castle in County Clare

Travel

Life in an Irish castle

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His grandparents emigrated from that part of Eire to the USA in the middle of the 1850s. According to Mr McDonough, his grandfather worked on the railroads and died at the age of 68 "working on a post hole to extend the chicken run". Though the second generation of American McDonoughs continued the tradition of working on the railroads, young Bernard took another course. His first job paid six cents an hour (He subsequently bought the company.) and he worked his way through law school before setting out to make his millions. Now he commutes between his two homes, flying the Atlantic once every ten days or two weeks as the fancy takes him. I was lucky that my visit to Dromoland coincided with one of his, for he is a most interesting man.

Dromoland is interesting, too, and is one of the castle hotels of Ireland which the tourist board is actively promoting. A room costs from £16.25 a night per person (sharing a double) and though this is on the steep side for Ireland, it certainly buys you a lot of style. The hotel offers fishing, golf, tennis, croquet and other outdoor activities and the food is excellent, bearing out my long-held contention that one may eat as well in Ireland as anywhere.

Getting there has never been easier. It is possible to link the hire of a car with a regular air fare, or take advantage of the new range of low price advance purchase excursion (APEX) fares from the UK. If you prefer sea travel, or wish to make your own car, the recent introduction of duty-free facilities on the Irish Sea crossings is another small advantage. It was mentioned, in passing, by Mr Padraig Faulkner, Ireland's first Minister for Tourism, when he was in London recently. He came over to launch the tourist board's 1978 campaign, reminding his audience at the launch that Britons spent £58.5m in Ireland last year—the best since 1971, with well over 850,000 UK visitors.

Harking back to my own recent visit, the memories of Dromoland are still fresh, as are those of Ashford Castle, at Cong in County Mayo. Also owned by an American millionaire—who spent £2,500,000 on it after purchase—it stands somewhat formidably on the shore of Lough Corrib, Ireland's second largest lake and, though it is much larger than Dromoland, it may be enjoyed at less cost. A room can be had from £12.20 a night, per person.

Built over a period of 30 years by Lord Ardilaun in the nineteenth century, the castle incorporates the remains of the thirteenth century de Burgo castle and the original Ashford House, built in the 1700s in the style of a French chateau. There is a certain incongruity about Ashford's exterior, but it is none the less impressive. And inside the quality of its fixtures and furnishings is of the very highest. As at Dromoland, the food and service were first class.

There are a number of such hotels in Ireland—I was able, briefly, to visit Ballysede, near Tralee in County Kerry. Mainly fifteenth century, and offering 13 bedrooms, 10 of which have private bathrooms, it charges from £11 a night—and for anyone interested in using them on a touring holiday, the tourist board has a pamphlet with much useful information. Though there is always the possibility that a local travel agent has a copy, I imagine you are more likely to obtain one from the board, whose London office is at 150 New Bond Street, W1Y 0AO

Doubtless the board will supply other informative literature should you be planning a holiday to Ireland in which castle hotels will play a subsidiary role. But take my advice and do try to include at least one in your itinerary. Also some of the excellent country guest houses whose tradition of hospitality is also first class.

Should you have already made your holiday decision—to Ireland or elsewhere—then I hope you will fare better than the couple in Bradford whose plight recently came to my notice. Having made up their minds last year to take an Easter holiday, having paid in full on receipt of their final invoice and having anticipated no trouble, they learned a few days ago that their holiday had been cancelled "due to lack of support". How, in this year of such good business, an Easter holiday can fail to find support, much less be cancelled at such short notice (the departure date was March 24), I simply do not understand.

I believe the company involved—a large tour operator and a member of the Association of British Travel Agents—has broken that association's code of practice and traded unfairly, but I have a feeling that certain companies will similarly be playing fast and loose with the rules in 1978. There will be surcharging (I warned of it in my last article) and there will be overbooking and, once more members of the travel industry will complain about "aggression from the media" when they are taken to task for it.

Incidentally, if you have not yet made your 1978 summer holiday decision, do not fear that you have missed the boat. Although the peak weeks of July and August are well booked, they are not completely sold out, particularly if you are inclined to avoid the popular resorts. As for the May/June and September/October periods, there are plenty of holidays available.

John Carter

Good Food Guide

Beefeaters live

When the *Good Food Guide* was founded, at the tail end of post-war meat rationing, no carnivore in Britain could afford to despise a good steak. Appetites have become choosier since then, and besides, the *Guide* hears more from serious cooks and less from heroic eaters than it originally did. But more steaks are seared and served in London than ever there were, and it is not just chefs on their nights off who eat them.

Scottish beef still enjoys a possibly spurious mystique, and for want of restaurants in the capital that are capable of more elaborate or interesting native British dishes, foreign visitors naturally gravitate to places that specialize in red meat unadorned. Guidebooks published in London with Americans or Frenchmen particularly in mind have soft spots for several of the restaurants discussed below, though the language of our butchery trade sometimes puzzles them: MM Gault et Millau even claim to have eaten a "TB bone steak" at one place.

The apotheosis of the grilled-meat-and-etceteras formula is to be found at the Guinea Grill in Mayfair. Perhaps the "guinea" is meant to convey an echo of piracy on the Spanish Main rather than of the English currency in which writers used to be paid, for the staff are Spanish, and they relieve you of your money in style. No prices are shown until the itemized bill arrives at the end, and it would be unwise to walk into this diminutive room without £15 or so a head.

However, though the foliage on the walls is fake, the edible display of avocado, asparagus, smoked salmon, steaks and chops at the entrance is genuine enough, and of the best quality. The asparagus, like some of the customers, may well have arrived from California via Concorde. The charcoal-grilling of steak and cutlets could scarcely have been improved upon for accuracy and flavour; chips and salads were both good; puddings were simple fruit or ice-cream; and Turkish delight was served with the coffee.

Perhaps customers are less fussy round Smithfield than they are in Mayfair, for at the Charterhouse Grill scallops Mornay (£1.35) had a depressing white sauce tasting mainly of flour, and sweets were also dismal. However, a rump steak for £2.60 was good value, for the meat had flavour, had been well trimmed, and the chef at the charcoal grill timed it exactly. (The T-bone was less good, and dearer.) A jacket potato at 30p is the wisest accompaniment, but the crisp onion rings were good too. It is very much a business lunch place: the waitresses seem to get everyone fed between 1 pm and 2 pm—but the prices of both food and drink seem fair. Ch Ségur '73 is £3.80.

The Chateaubriand in Hampstead, by contrast, is an evening-only steak place, long established. There was a little crop of complaints a few months ago (and that excludes the woman who wrote "since I was nine months pregnant I would have appreciated quicker service"). However, inspection for the 1978 *Guide* suggested that an even keel had been regained. You are wise to take your steak as plain as possible, and for first course and vegetables look towards the deep-fried items, such as champignons à la façon du chef (75p) and aubergine slices. But steak au poivre (£3.30) has been successfully tried as well as the long-popular chateaubriand béarnaise.

Back in town, Stars in Soho Square is another place that does a good peppered steak (£3.25) and is at least not trying to be French like Chez Gérard the other side of Oxford Street. "Trying" may be harsh because Chez Gérard possesses a few distinctly French features and virtues here, over and above the tricolour canopy and taped *chansonniers*: good cheeses (including, says one uninhibited visitor, "that black-coated pyramidal goat with the scrotal flavour"), delicious if over-priced chocolate mousse, and strong coffee. But the anaemic sauce for steak au poivre did not taste as though it had detained the chef overlong, and the restaurant should change the vinegar it uses.

The most interesting non-French attempt to cash in on the steak market lately has been Malcolm Livingston's Rowley's in Jermyn Street—a decided change of social scene from his former well-padded cell at Wakon's, for here the price of the set meal is kept down to a level (£4.25 basic) that allows no choice whatsoever. You begin with a well-tossed salad and await your steak from the charcoal grill. It is accompanied by the house's patent sauce—garlic, cream cheese and herbs seem the most likely ingredients, whipped to the texture of a foamy butter icing.

The floridly Edwardian setting, in a house once owned by Wall, the sausage baron, is attractive and the meat well chosen, trimmed and cooked. The Brie, the Cafetière coffee, and the house wine (£1.95—but remember it is a magnum they put on the tables and the glasses are goldfish bowls) are good matches for the meal's centrepiece. The service lacks the owner's suavity, and the table spirit lamps also conspire to discourage you from lingering too long. There is something about steak-selling, after all, that encourages the conveyor belt attitude to life.

Details:

Guinea Grill, 30 Bruton Place, W1. Tel: 01-629 5613. Closed Sunday; Saturday lunch. Meals 12.30-2.30, 7-11. A la carte meal with wine about £13.

Charterhouse Grill, 33-37 Charterhouse Square, EC1. Tel: 01-606 7392/9482. Closed (Grill Room) dinner and weekends. Lunch 12-3. Table d'hôte lunch £1.85. A la carte lunch with wine about £7.60.

Chateaubriand, 48 Belsize Lane, NW3. Tel: 01-435 4882. Closed lunch; Sunday. Must book. Meals 7-12. A la carte meal with wine about £8.45.

Stars, 1 Soho Square, W1. Tel: 01-437 6525/9535. Must book. Meals 12-3, 6-11.30. Table d'hôte £2.75. A la carte meal with wine about £9.

Chez Gérard, 5 Charlotte Street, W1. Tel: 01-636 4975. Meals 12.30-2.30, 6.30-11. A la carte meal with wine about £6.15.

Rowley's, 113 Jermyn Street, SW1. Tel: 01-930 2707. Meals 12.30-2.30, 6.30-11.30. Table d'hôte £4.25.

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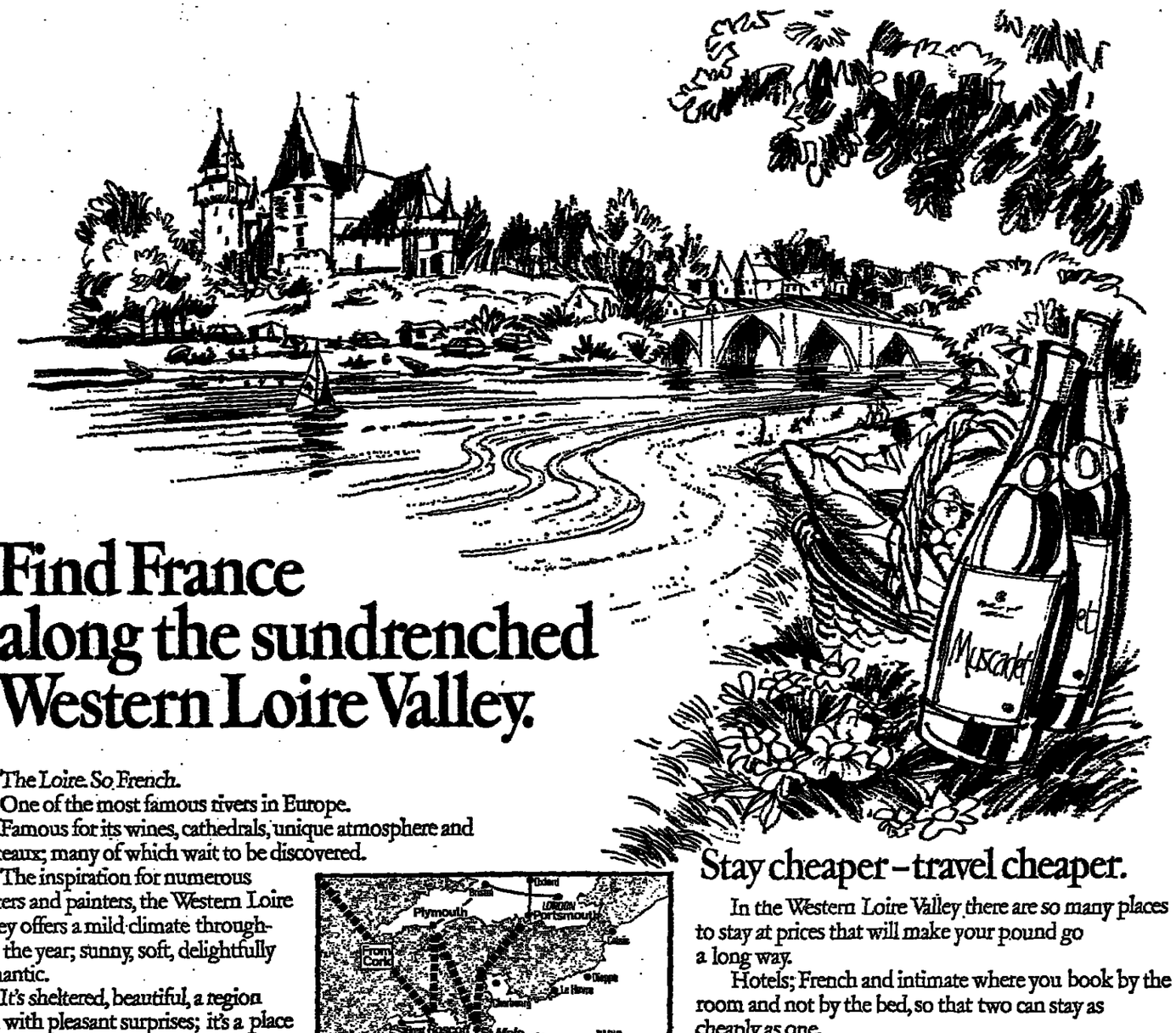


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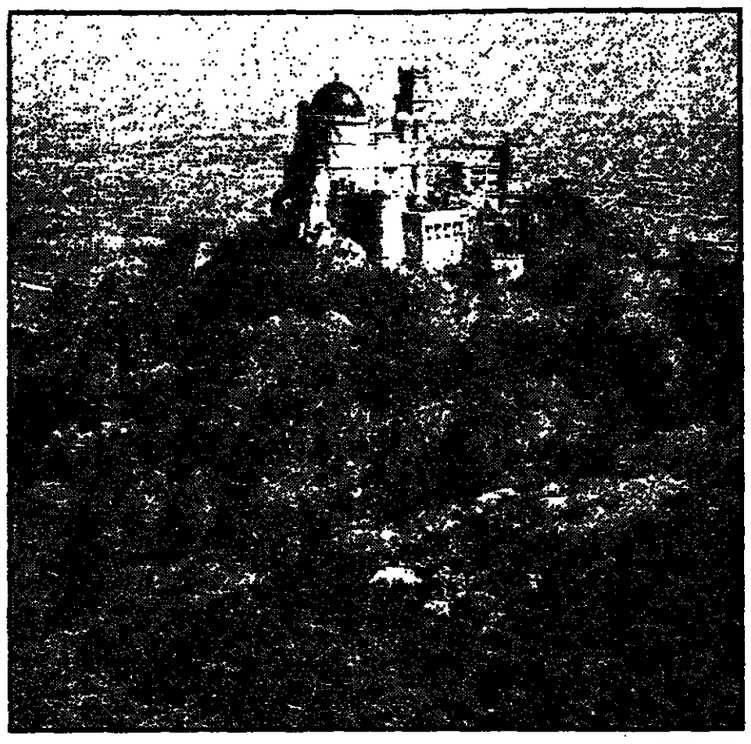
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Portuguese Tourism

a Special Report



Pena Palace, on a hilltop above Sintra, in the range of mountains which take their name from the town.

Holiday industry at the crossroad

by Anthony Jones

Portuguese tourism is at a crossroad. It can, if the right decisions are made by the Government and the private investor, become the jewel of Europe for holidays.

There is a great deal to be done in the long term, but it is short-term plans that are of most importance at present. Discussions are taking place constantly about the development of the north of the country and the further development of the Algarve.

Hotels—plans to provide about 13,000 more beds were dropped after the 1974 revolution — restaurants, bars, discotheques and other ancillary facilities are all sorely needed.

One good thing arising from the fall of the Soares Government in December is that the new Government has one of the three Christian Democrat members as Minister of Commerce and Tourism. Senhor Basilio Horta, was a former director general of the Confederacao da Industria Portuguesa (CIP), and is a great exponent of free enterprise. He is considering a short-term draft plan submitted by the Tourist Board for future development.

If the authorities hesitate too long the country will become like neighbouring Spain, with a coastline of towering concrete and with a hurdy - gurdy atmosphere.

It is the quality market for which the Portuguese must aim, and it appears that that is the market they have decided on. Portugal is a small country with a population of about nine million, and mass tourism on the Spanish scale is not for it. The importance of tourism—second only to remittances from emigrant workers as a source of foreign exchange—adds weight to the argument that the industry must be considered seriously.

Senhor Joaquim Pinto da Silva, president of the Portuguese Federation of Travel Agents, says the Government must institute a national policy for tourism as a matter of urgency.

"During 1975 we heard a lot of talk about social tourism—a form of tourism paid for by the state. In my view that was wrong. We must opt for quality, and fortunately the private sector in Portugal has already decided that is what we must have."

There are, however, cautious voices raised against too much investment in tourism by the Government. If the investment is too heavy then it could be to the detriment of other aspects of the economy. Nevertheless, as Senhor Vasco de Mello, president of the CIP advises, foreign investment could be increased. He would strongly recommend such a course of action through the confederation.

There are of course great advantages for the foreign investor under the Foreign Investment Code. Senhor de Mello agrees that it is not perfect and there are some points which could be corrected, but they are not fundamental.

"There are guarantees and as far as tourism is concerned, since it is a labour-intensive industry, it should certainly have preferable interest rates."

But not everyone relishes the foreigner. The post-revolution fervour resulted in some spiteful moves by some Portuguese workers, particularly in the Alentejo, where British landowners had their farms confiscated.

But again, as one businessman said: "Why should we worry who runs business in this country if it is for the benefit of the Portuguese. In Oporto the British have run the port wine industry for hundreds of years and we have benefited. If they can do the same thing in the travel and tourist business then who are we to stop them?"

Lisbon, like Istanbul and Rome, is built on seven hills. From any of its peaks the visitor has a view of British-made trams clanking slowly up the inclines. He can see the slowly moving Tagus, wide enough for the world's greatest liners to dock and disgorge still more visitors.

The capital is beautiful, if a little tarnished by graffiti and peeling posters—remnants of the revolution four years ago. Elderly Portuguese dress soberly; the women elegantly; the young internationally, and could as well be lolling around Times Square as the Rossio.

But even allowing for the scars it is a fascinating place, full of magnificent squares, giant concourses and monuments, subtly contrasting with the narrow alleyways garlanded with washing hanging the width four floors up.

An organized tour is the best way to see the city until you are used to the confusion and bustle. There is no shortage of guide books and maps, usually provided free in hotels.

The country is noted for its fish and there are windows with mouth-watering displays where rosy mounds of lobster and santola nestle alongside iced slabs awash with gian. prawns, oysters, clams and much else.

The Portuguese take eating seriously and can be seen, particularly on a Friday, eating shellfish with their fingers and the special implements provided for inducing small amounts of flesh into their mouths.

The people are very friendly, and rarely do you see them hurrying, but remember they have not heard of that simple British expedient of queueing.

The Algarve is the idol of the British and, indeed, other Europeans and the Americans. It is being developed rapidly and, one hopes, with care and feeling. The development at Vale Do Lobo, which went into liquidation three years ago, has been bought by Mr Sander van Gelder, a Dutch businessman who in 12 years founded, formed and sold, it is claimed, the biggest retail jewelry business in Holland.

He has ambitious plans for the development. They include a sanatorium, a church, an international school and the introduction of a bus service for his 750 acres. Additional school facilities will include a football pitch, a swimming pool and a horse-riding track.

In association with Mr Roger Taylor he intends building a club with two clay tennis courts and 10 all-weather plastic courts, as well as a restaurant, swimming pool, bars and four squash courts.

Mr van Gelder agrees that his plans are ambitious and that it will take about three years to see all the changes. "It will cost a great deal, about £15m, and that does not include the 600-bedroom hotel I intend to build." Profits? "They will come later", he says. "Money is a tool that must be used like anything else."

Those sceptical of Mr van Gelder's plans must wait to see whether he has the answer. Portuguese tourism is at a crossroad in more ways than one.

Quality tourism is the answer and perhaps Mr van Gelder has found the secret in his intention to turn Vale do Lobo into the Algarve's most complete resort, and perhaps the finest in Europe. It will be at least three years before it is known whether he is correct or not in his judgment.

Beauty and the beach

by Iain Crawford

To drive into Portugal by the sea coast road from the north you have to be pig-headed and obstinate. If you are driving the 1,000 miles or so from where the ferry lands you at one of the Channel ports your most direct route is via Bordeaux, Bayonne and San Sebastian then across Spain via Burgos, Valladolid and Salamanca to cross the frontier into Portugal at Vilar Formoso and down through the Mondego valley to Coimbra and Lisbon.

Even if you take a ferry to one of the ports on the northern coast of Spain you have to abandon totally the modern holiday concept of "get there as quickly as possible" in order to turn right along the south shore of the Bay of Biscay into Galicia, stopping off to see the famous cathedral at Santiago, skirting the sea lochs of this most fascinating and least visited province of Spain, to cross into Portugal over the Minho river which is the border at Valença do Minho.

But if you do make such an unfashionably meandering journey you will be well rewarded, for the most northerly province, the Minho, is the heartland of Portugal.

It is a rough cradle, great granite mountains over which eagles and falcons soar, wild ravines and tumbling streams alive with succulent trout.

A characteristic sight along the Minho's narrow roads is a cart drawn by a small russet ox with lyre-shaped horns piled with a mixture of seaweed and shells, fertilizer from the sea to feed the barren land.

The first important town on this road, Viana do Castelo, is a handsome port, the town built on a hill guarded by an ancient fortress looking over the estuary of the river Lima and some of the oldest naval dockyards in Europe.

Going south towards Oporto there is a good sandy beach at Esposende near the market town of Barcelos, the first capital of the first province of Portugal and the place from which come those black, yellow and red cocks which are supposed to assure good fortune in the kitchen.

After Vila do Conde the road leaves the coast and makes its way through the slate-roofed houses, their gardens trellised with vines to the great sea city of Oporto, built layer upon layer on its hill overlooking the great yellow flood of the river Douro, the river on whose upper reaches the grapes which make port are grown.

Running south the land becomes flat, great plains of ricefields in the interior and sand-dunes anchored to the land by plantations of pines to seaward, splendid Atlantic beaches where the rollers sweep in one long seemingly unbroken wave all the way from America.

At Aveiro, the port from which the fishermen sail to catch cod on the icy shoals of Greenland, is almost caught in a network of lagoons and at Figueira da Foz, where the river Mondego makes its stately way into the ocean, is the great beach (now popular with bathers) where Wellington landed the first British troops in 1808 to begin the campaigns of the Peninsular War.

From Figueira the road swings inland for a while, through Leiria, with its striking sixteenth-century royal castle and from there it is worth taking the N242 back to the coast to have a look at Nazare, a picturesque fishing village where the fishermen still wear their shirts and trousers of Portuguese tartan and long black stocking caps as they wrest their living from the sea.

At Nazare you are already in the province of Estremadura, the heart of which is Lisbon, but before you visit this handsome and imposing city there are many things to see.

Torres Vedras, where Wellington formed his famous Lines to defend Lisbon against the Napoleonic armies under Massena has a fine church and a convent as well as the castle which formed part of the Lines. The Serra de Sintra, a block of granite mountains densely covered in vegetation grown in the rain-forest conditions created by Atlantic cloud forming along the range, is not to be missed.

This area, the favourite summer resort of Portuguese kings for six centuries, has, planted among its camellia trees and bracken, oaks, cedars and pines, a collection of the maddest-looking

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Elysium may get its share of development

Poets have prattled for centuries about the beauties of the north of Portugal. Sacheverell Sitwell, more recently, described the Minho district as "the most beautiful province . . . an Elysian setting". Even more recently, a journalist wrote that it was the "area the holiday firms discovered around 10 years ago and promptly forgot". Both statements are true.

There is a trickle of visitors to the north, but it is doubtful whether they will become a torrent until the authorities do more to make it vitally attractive in terms of hotels and entertainment; though there are people who maintain that the north is more for peace and quiet and do not see the necessity for numbers of bars, restaurants, discotheques and so on. Even so, for the itinerant visitor everything is there except good roads and sewerage.

It is important for the Government to make the area more attractive and perhaps a development area in its own right. For those not wanting the extreme heat of the south, north of Oporto is ideal. Senhor Vasco de Mello, president of the CIP (Confederçao da Industria Portuguesa), believes the area could be developed cheaply with existing game reserves for hunting and fishing, without placing too great a strain on the economy.

It is by far the prettiest part of the country, lush, green and exotic. There are hotels, but they are scarce and, in many cases, far from main highways. There are plenty of English manor-type houses that could be refurbished at not too great an expense. Senhor de Mello says: "We must look to the interior of the country and not concentrate too much on the coast."

The season runs from April to October—short by Iberian peninsular standards—and the sea is really only warm enough for bathing in the height of summer. The people are friendly and hospitable and, since so many of them own a few metres of land, reacted quite differently from the rest of the country at the time of the revolution.

The north is called the Park of Portugal and is a conservation area right up to the border with Spain. It is alive with wild boar, pigs and stags, and there are pousadas (state run inns where stay is restricted) which are difficult to book into, unless you make an advance reservation. Throughout the whole of Portugal there are only about 800 pousada beds, but they are of first-class value.

Oporto, the capital of the area, is a pleasant little city—the second largest in the country—and gave its name not only to the wine but to the country. It is red-roofed, as if to reflect its most important industry. It sits at the mouth of the Rio Douro; the town of Cale and its port on the opposite bank prospered under the Romans as a military and commercial centre. Thus Portugal was born in the north.

It is a little scruffy and essentially a working city whose inhabitants are proud of their reputation. A local saying goes: "Lisbon shows off and Porto works." England completed 605 years ago a trading agreement which is still extant. It ensured that the region's wine would find a market in Britain and thus introduced a British colony into Oporto.

Any visitor is welcome to visit the lodges on appointment and their names are a vinous roll-call reminiscent of a suburban off-licence: Sandeman, Warre, Dow, Graham, Cockburn and the Queen of the Quintas, Quinta do Noval. From London there is one travel company arranging week-long trips to the wine district.

Blackheath Travel, whose director, Mr Desmond Pritchett, thought of the idea four years ago, now runs eight "wine trail" trips a year. He said: "When we first took people to the north there was only slight interest, but the wine tours have generated much more and we are now thinking of introducing fly/drive tours for trips around the vineyards."

For the culturally conscious the north has everything one could wish for. Churches, in a variety of styles from Gothic to Renaissance, abound. Monuments denoting important historical events are there to satisfy the most erudite and culture hungry.

On a recent trip I drove all day around the north. Starting from Oporto I went to Braga a distance of 52 km: it still claims to be the capital of the Minho, and the bishops of Braga were said to have had more power than the kings of Portugal. The Minho is world-famed as the home of vinho verde (green wine), the region's speciality.

From there to Barcelos, a small town which produces the pottery cockerels, the national symbol of the country. Thursday is market day and the Campo da Republica is where you buy furniture, brightly patterned rugs, lace, fruit and vegetables, straw hats and pottery.

Back along the coast to Esposende, which lies at the mouth of the Rio Cavado: a pleasantly quiet fishing village with a clean beach. Ofir was the next stop, with all the ingredients for a pleasant and relaxed holiday, which is being developed gradually and carefully.

There are plenty of day trips one can make—most of which can be made either by car or local buses. If in any doubt consult the Oporto tourist offices in the Praça Dom Joao I, and another in Praça General Humberto Delgado. But there are tourist offices all over the Costa Nerde.

Driving can be an exciting venture by itself. The roads are not that good and when I was there were running with water from the hill sides. Juan Fangio, the racing driver, gave a press conference when he made his first visit to the north. He was asked about his most exciting race. He considered the question carefully, and said: "Driving from Lisbon to Oporto".

Northern Portugal is a land of sombre forests and mountains, and it needs tourists desperately. The idea of a regional commission along the lines of that in the Algarve would give the area a status it sorely needs, and a lot more control over the development of the interior.

As a tourist official said: "The north is more for the elderly who want peace and quiet and good food and drink. We are a small country, so we do not need masses of people to make an impact. Two hundred thousand visitors a year will make a great difference and completely change the region."

Oporto is girding itself for the onslaught of visitors who will one day arrive. The authorities are taking the north seriously as an area that needs developing. Given Britain's links with the country over the past 600 years there is no reason to doubt they will soon begin arriving if the Portuguese economy can stand firm. "In the north Britain is still number one", the steward on TAP, the national airline, said.

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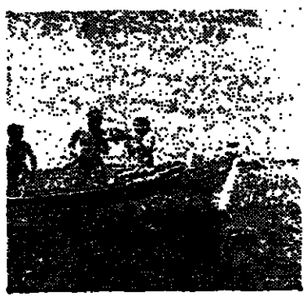




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FACTS ABOUT PORT

Port is a fortified wine made exclusively from grapes grown in the demarcated area of the Douro Region in north-eastern Portugal and shipped from Oporto.

It is shipped to more or less one hundred countries, to different people with different habits and tastes. Some people think of Port, ruby or tawny, as an after dinner or dessert wine, others as a fashionable aperitive wine, be it dry white or tawny, others yet as a supreme Vintage to be drunk with respect and love; some think of it as an expensive wine, others as not so expensive; finally it is also looked upon as a perfect wine for long cool or hot spiced drinks. All these opinions are true as the word Port does not mean just a type of wine but essentially a geographical name of origin which includes different types and styles.

The Douro Region is the birthplace of Port. Romantic, mountainous, unspoilt, this beautiful wine country is the most ancient geographical wine demarcation in the world. It was demarcated or defined by law in 1757 as a first measure to control the genuineness and quality of Port. It begins some 60 miles to the east of the city of Oporto and stretches along the upper valley of the river Douro and along the valleys of its tributaries in that area. All the region is very mountainous and from a geological point of view consists of schist stone; its climate is generally hot and dry although there are occasional cold and rainy periods. The vineyards are situated on the very steep and stony mountain sides; the vines are planted in terraces supported by walls constructed with the very plentiful schist stone.

One can go to the Douro Region by train from Oporto; it is an interesting trip through green northern Portugal. On entering the Demarcated Region the train goes near the river Douro and then follows it all the way up to the border with Spain; the temperature and the surroundings change: granite gives place to schist rock, its horter, drier, less populated, terraced slopes planted with vines and olive trees climb the mountain sides, and a sense of wilderness and serenity surrounds everything.

One can also go there by car, through scenic and winding mountain roads, which makes it easier to cover the area and visit some of its winery centres and small towns, some very ancient and picturesque, as Régua, Vila Real, Lamego, Pinhão, etc.

There are no secrets in the making of Port. It is the soil and climate of the Douro Region that impart to the grapes (over thirty traditional red and white varieties are cultivated) their exquisite qualities that make Port possible; then it is also the love and toil of the farmer, who grows the grapes, to surmount all his production problems: steep and rocky mountain slopes, difficult and dry climate, very small yield, etc.; finally it is time, age, the careful maturing in the sanctuary of the Port Shipper's lodges in Gaia, Oporto, that helps to give to Port its unique quality and refinement.

Genuineness and quality—The genuineness and quality of Port are officially guaranteed by the Port Wine Institute in Oporto, by a "Certificate of Origin" for all Port shipped and also by a "Selo de Garantia" (Guarantee Seal) which covers the cork of each bottle bottled in Gaia, Oporto.

QUICK GUIDE TO THE PORT TYPES

Vintage Port—It is the Port of one particularly excellent year. Dark when young, full-bodied, with very fine aroma and palate. Bottled in Gaia, Oporto, between its second and third year it then ages in the bottle. It should be decanted before drinking because of the considerable deposit it throws.

Late Bottled Port—L.B.V.—It is also the Port of one good year, bottled in Gaia, Oporto, between its fourth and sixth year. Deep coloured and full-bodied, it is less expensive than a Vintage and does not need to be decanted.

Ruby Port—It is usually a young, dark, ruby coloured Port. Rich, sweet and robust it is a blend of different Ports matured in oak casks. It is an everyday dessert wine or to be used in long drinks or warm drinks and punches.

Tawny Port—Older, more elegant than a ruby, it is usually a blend of different Ports matured lovingly in oak casks. It is an extraordinary dessert wine but is also appreciated as an aperitive or at any time of the day.

White Port—It is produced in the same way as a ruby or tawny but it has a lighter taste, a clean and natural smoothness of its own. It can be sweet or dry or even extra-dry. Nowadays the dry and extra-dry ones, drunk slightly chilled, are considered extraordinary aperitives.

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...s of the most endearing ...gs about food and drink ... Portugal is that it is ...ghtfully non-international. If you walk into ... restaurant where they have ...ce bearnaise on the menu, ... châteauneuf du pape in ... wine rack, walk straight ... again. You are in a clip ... it run by fools who have ... even had the good sense ... look at the good things ...ich surround them.

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The most northerly province, the Minho, has a very good version of *bacalhau*, made with cabbage, and cabbage is a prime ingredient in another of the Minho's characteristic dishes *caldo verde*, a green soup made with finely shredded cabbage, mashed potatoes, the salty Portuguese olive oil and a kind of local black pudding. Fairly substantial stuff and you need a pint or two of the splendid local wine, the semi-sparkling *vinho verde*, light in alcohol but with a delicious fresh tang, to wash it down.

Generally speaking steak in Portugal is not a good idea but in the past 10 years or so beef herds bred from British stock in the Minho region have provided international hotels with the basic materials for their customers who must have a steak. In general sheep are bred for their wool and by the time they get to the table are generally a little aged and tough, but pork and chicken dishes are excellent as is any kind of sea food from the Atlantic.

In Oporto in the Douro province, the great seaport through which is shipped the greatest dessert wine in the world, the local speciality is tripe.

Ever a race to make a virtue out of necessity, the cooks of Oporto invented *tripas à moda do Porto*, a splendidly substantial dish which adds smoked sausage, smoked ham, chicken, onions, herbs, spices, beans and rice to the tripe.

The splendid wine made in the cellars of Vila Nova da Gaia, across the river Douro from Oporto, is a bit rich to go with this dish but a bottle of red Dao from the country around Viseu, inland and to the south of Oporto will survive that smoky flavour. If you get a bottle of Dao Riserva, of about 10 years old, you would be well advised to eat something rather less elaborate, for a well-aged Dao is a wine of real distinction not to have its flavour trampled upon by intrusive food tastes.

At the right time of year you can get succulent partridges in the Douro area and one of them, cooked in one of those curious bread, onion and oil soup mixtures which are so popular in Portugal, would undoubtedly do the wine more justice.

In Amarante, half way up the Douro towards the port vineyards, they do another splendid game dish, *coelho em vinho verde*, rabbit casseroled with the semi-sparkling *vinho verde* with garlic, parsley, paprika and salt and pepper. Farther up the valley there is a good sweet wine, once the favourite of King Edward VII, called Grandjo which goes well with all those belt-stretching *pudims*, which the Portuguese love, made with eggs and sugar with oranges or almond flour.

This is the area too for the famous smoked ham from Lamego, delicious as a mid-morning snack or a light lunch with that most delicious of all *vinhos verdes*, Alvarinho de Monçao.

Portuguese wine-makers are singularly honest about their wines and justifiably proud of them. You will find no Portuguese burgundies or sauternes. The wines have their own district or grape names: Alvarinho is a grape, Dao is a district and a river. If you take the trouble to try a few different types you will discover the best-made wines in Europe outside France and Germany, consistent and full of character and blessedly inexpensive.

Oddly enough, the Portuguese do not drink much port and, when they do, usually as an aperitif. The port which is the country's most famous wine abroad—or has it been overtaken by Mateus Rosé?—was almost invented by British wine merchants as a means of making the harsh *consumo* wine of the Douro drinkable to English palates.

Food is more complicated in the Lisbon area and along the Costa do Sol, the south-facing part of the coast which runs from the mouth of the Tagus to the headland of Guincho but it remains obstinately and splendidly Portuguese. The *caldeirada* (fish soup) which you find all round the coast is particularly good there and there are delicious hake, soles, langoustines from Cascais and sardines from Setubal south of the estuary.

Uniquely Portuguese is *porco con ameijoas* (pork with clams) a delicious mixture. Very rich and *grande cuisine* is *perdiz à moda de Alcantara* (partridge stuffed with *foie gras* and truffles and cooked in port). A bottle of the wine from the palisaded vineyards of Colares, red and reminiscent of a fine Rhône wine but with a flavour all its own, would go well with this or *iscas a Portuguesa* (marinated liver with cloves, garlic, peppercorns cooked with smoked ham and boiled potatoes). The Colares vineyards are planted in sand and because of this these *ramisco* vines were the only ones in Europe to escape the *phylloxera* plague which devastated European vineyards at the end of the nineteenth century.

Setubal, south of Lisbon on the Sado estuary, is a fish canning town. The village of Sesimbra near by is a holiday resort below an impressive Moorish-style castle famous for its swordfish catches and in the restaurant named after Sesimbra's raison d'être, Espadarte serves swordfish in its *caldeirada* and smokes it as an hors-d'oeuvre.

The Alentajo, the great plain stretching south to the mountains which guard the Algarve from the north winds, is famous for its *acorda*, filling bread soups enriched with herbs, spices and eggs, fish, bacon or meat and for a delicious variation on the pork and clams theme. *Carne de porco à alentajana* is pork marinated in white wine and garnished with oysters.

No wine of any significance is made in the Alentejo, the largest and least interesting province in Portugal but passable wine is made in fairly large quantities around Lagoa in the Algarve.

There are lots of good restaurants on the Algarve coast, extending from simple pull-up cafés where you will get a decent dish of kid stew or sardines to elaborate places with pretentious menus and even more pretentious prices.

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Beauty and the beach

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palaces in the most extraordinary variety of architectural styles to be seen anywhere.

After this exotic tour you will certainly need a drink, a meal or a cup of tea, all of which are most elegantly served in the Setais Palace, now one of the most beautiful of the country's hotels where Wellington signed the armistice agreement known as the Convention of Sintra.

If we are to continue round the coast then there is no time to deal justly with Lisbon except to say go to see it, it is one of the most beautiful cities of Europe.

Along the Costa do Sol, just south of Sintra on the Tagus estuary, are two of Portugal's most famous resorts, Cascais, still in most ways enough of a fishing village to have maintained a certain amount of atmosphere and Estoril, with its fine golf courses, spacious squares and handsome hotels and a casino. This area, although now part of a republic, still houses more of other people's ex-kings than anywhere else.

Once across the Tagus by the imposing Salazar Bridge, the road loses sight of the sea until you get to Setubal on the last foothills of the Serra da Arrábida, overlooking the wide estuary of the river Sado, famous for its sweet white wine and the cultivation of that curious mollusc, the Portuguese oyster.

After Setubal you have to fight your way to reach the rocky Atlantic coast almost until you reach the south-west corner of Europe at Cape St Vincent. The huge province of the Alentejo produces wheat and cork, pigs and sheep and turns its back on the sea.

It is only when you get as far south-west as possible that the coast road rejoins the sea. The main road goes directly to the bustling port of Lagos on the Algarve, the finest off-season sun coast in Europe with is established resorts, fine hotels and golf courses and Riviera-style life.

Even in the flowering province of the Algarve, protected from the harsh northerly winds by the Serra de Monchique which divides it from the Alentejo, the coast road runs largely inland. Probe to the south and you will find splendid beaches at Praia de Rocha, Armacao de Pera, great golf courses at Palmares, Vale do Lobo and Quinta do Lago, where you are in contact with the sea, and others like Penina and Vilamoura which are exotic parkland.

The road touches the sea after Lagos at Portimao, and at Faro, where it salutes the capital of the province in passing by the inner harbour of this stylish town, with its mosaic pavements and quiet shopping streets, restaurants and cafés. Before Faro the town most worth turning off for is Albufeira, the St Tropez of the Algarve, right in the middle of the prime holiday centre on this coast yet curiously jealous of its identity.

It is true that there is Sir Harry's Bar in the main square in Albufeira and this might be thought of as an intrusion. But Harry Warner with his handle-bar moustaches and his blazer is an integral part of the Albufeira scene.

Here on this fretworked, half-African coast of Portugal there is a fusion of cultures and ideas and people. The coast from Portimao to Faro is an excellent example of how you can make an excellent litoral into a holiday resort coast without ruining its character.

Beyond Faro the coastline flattens out to salt pans and sandbanks apart from the tunny-fishing town of Tavira and the model Vila Real de Santo Antonio founded in 1774 by Portugal's great planner, the Marquis de Pombal, radiating like a chessboard from its black and white central square, looking across the river Guadiana at Spain on the east bank and the city of Ayamonte. You can cross into Spain by ferry and there are plans for a bridge.

Perhaps when it comes into being there will be more holiday traffic for Monte Gordo, Vila Real's holiday resort built almost two centuries after Pombal's new town with its modern hotel and beautiful beach. At the Guadiana, the coast of Portugal—all 523 miles of it—stops. It is one of the most diverse and fascinating coastlines of Europe and one of the least explored. There is also quite a lot of Portugal from which you cannot see the sea. Taking a car there could be a wonderful idea.

A Long way to play golf

Had anyone told Jim Long 10 years ago, when he was a former boy international representing England, a county player, and later a professional golfer, that this year he would be escorting between 750 and 800 golfers to Portugal he would have laughed aloud. He is now 29, and although he lacks the deeply etched lines of the perennial worrier, he is deadly serious about transporting that number of men plus clubs and baggage 1,200 miles to Portugal's farthest point—the Algarve.

Mr Long is executive director of Longshot Golf, "an obvious pun, of course", and wholly responsible for all the professional/amateur golf tournaments played in the province from November to March. His company is part of Mr Neville Roberts's International Travel Products, formerly Algarve Agency, the originators of holiday pro/am tournaments.

For most young professionals, playing scratch golf is sufficient; but not for Mr Long. He realized, fairly quickly, in spite of being reasonably successful as a youngster, that he was not going to beat the world; and he began looking for other openings in the golfing world. In so doing he radically changed the whole conception of playing "with the pro".

But it was not until he attended the first Professional Golfers' Association convention in London that he saw an opening. Through the travelling he had done in Europe and Africa he saw a way of allying all that dormant knowledge to golfing holidays. "It suddenly struck me: why not golf holidays run by a golfer, rather than a travel agent who played a bit of golf.

"One of the speakers at the convention was John Shapley of Regency Travel, and a few days later I rang him with the idea that he should take me on to develop that side of his business. He did, and my job basically was to travel with the golf pros and handle their hotel and travel arrangements."

In that period he learnt the travel business and on one trip met Mr Roberts. "He was doing well in the summer but found he could not move people down to the Algarve in the winter. I saw the potential for winter golf holidays. Brilliant courses and sunshine, naturally, but the courses were empty. And all that was only five years ago."

Eventually he joined Mr Roberts and they began filling the whole of the winter period with golfing holidays, special events like the amateur weeks and then slowly introduced the holiday pro/am tournament, an almost unheard of event in those days.

That first pro/am event set the pattern. It was won by Bernard Hunt, the former Ryder Cup player. The event was over-subscribed. The following year they repeated the exercise with two events; again too many people wanted to play and so it has gone on.

This January and February they have run five events with prize money totalling £18,000. "Next year if we do six—and we are planning that number—we shall have to go back nearer the beginning of the year. This year we began on January 14.

"We have on average 170 people a week including many top-line players like John Garner, Malcolm Gregson, Bernard Hunt, Christy O'Connor and many others who want a winter break with three amateurs from their own clubs." Anyone with a handicap of 18 or less is welcome.

Mr Long is also planning two pro/am tournaments for November. "The whole idea of these pro/ams, since I'm now in the travel business, is to create tourism in a dead part of the year and I believe we have succeeded."

The success has come in spite of front page coverage of the revolution in April, 1974, and the further crises of late 1975. "In those years there was a great anti-Portugal feeling whether anyone should go there at all. But the golf events brought them. I can recall standing at Faro airport and the only people on board the incoming flights were golfers we had brought from Britain."

Mr Long is quite adamant about the value of pro/ams and their worth to the young professional golfer. He emphasizes that the tournaments he runs in the dead season in Portugal are purely holiday events with some competition. "I believe that pro/ams help the younger professional. When I started my career they were not very abundant. I could not make a living on the circuit so I packed it in. I could not afford to continue. I have heard it said by many golfers that pro/ams are a way of helping the youngster to earn a small living. He can get by, at least."

He believes that pro/ams have been misjudged in that there are two versions: the kind he runs of the holiday variety and the other, sponsored by some individual or company looking for reflected glory.

Mr Long, married with three children—"at present I am three under twos, in golfing parlance"—remains firmly convinced that his type of pro/am has been good for Portuguese tourism. "This coming winter we are almost at saturation point with the number of aircraft seats available. The Algarve is now booming the whole year round and the only thing that can stop it expanding farther is the shortage of seating capacity. We need more flights urgently."

A.J.

Still an island of repose

by Joyce Rackham

"Nowhere can the perfection of repose be better obtained than in Madeira", claimed a writer in *The Queen Book of Travel* for 1906, recommending it "for complete rest of mind and body, away from all exciting influences". More than 70 years later, Portugal's most famous Atlantic island can still merit such a description, although it is doubtful if most of today's tourists, attuned to a noisier and more frentic pace of life, would be satisfied with the placid pleasures of their Edwardian forefathers.

Driving through the countryside in winter, sniffing the perfume of wild mimosa from trees heavy with golden blossom, or dawdling in Funchal's sub-tropical gardens, captivated by the brilliance of their exotic flowers, it is easy to become lazy. While floods and snow were making winter hideous in much of Europe and North America, we were enjoying temperatures of around 20 deg. C.

In the past Madeira was generally regarded as a destination for the more staid holidaymaker, especially the elderly rich. This led to an American magazine writer, evidently mesmerized by the elegant Victorian charms of Reids, the island's most venerable luxury hotel, to call Madeira the place "where the British come to play empire".

It is unlikely that he had studied the local tourist statistics or moved about the island much; if he had he would have encountered the many nationalities it now attracts.

The two air crashes at Funchal in November and the strike in December by TAP, the Portuguese national airline, caused a sudden fall in the number of visitors coming to the island at the peak of its new year holiday season. There were few British cancellations, however, according to the Madeira Tourist Office.

Such a setback after a year of booming business has meant that increasingly dynamic promotion by Madeiran hoteliers is necessary. One just back from a European sales tour was Senhor Francisco da Silva, general manager of the Casino Park, the newest luxury hotel. "We believe that tourists will be back in normal numbers this summer, and also look forward to expanding conference business", he says.

The Casino Park is the most striking example of modern architecture on Funchal's waterfront, designed by the architect of Brasilia, Professor Oscar Niemeyer with its five storeys curved to give all of its 400 rooms good sea views. Suntours of Witney, the Madeira specialists, list two weeks at the hotel with half board from £242.

Holidays of the same length at its three five-star neighbours cost from £259 at Reids, from £248 at the Savoy, and from £215 at the Sheraton.

Madeira has some comfortable and spacious four-star hotels, and Cosmos lists the popular Girassol from £190 for a fortnight's half board.

For two weeks (with full board) at the elegant Quinta do Sol, the Travel Club lists holidays from £216, and Suntours lists a similar price for the Hotel Raga.

Madeira certainly appeals to the most indolent sybarite, and one hotel suggests in its brochure that "guests need never leave the grounds".

The more energetic can find a variety of diversions, including deep-sea fishing with the chance to battle with blue marlin, swordfish and shark. A day out on one of the boats of the Amigos do Mar will cost about £6.

One of the best and cheapest ways to see the island is by local bus. One exciting drive, passing the steeply terraced vineyards which produce Madeira wine, then through magnificent mountain scenery, and along cliff-hugging littoral, is to the northernmost village of Porto do Moniz. Here you can swim in natural rock pools, go fishing, and eat well in the picturesque Cachalote, a taverna built on the rocks. Rooms at the clean and simple Pensien Fernandes there cost only £1 to £1.40 a night.

On the return journey, there is an enticing stopover at the rustic Pousada dos Vimbaticos, an inn built in a most beautiful mountain setting, with rooms from about £4, and robust local dishes on the menu. Since last year's 15 per cent devaluation of the escudo, and the rising value of the pound, Britons visiting Madeira are finding prices reasonable compared with many European resorts.

However idle a visitor may be, he should bestir himself at least once to enjoy a walk along the paths beside one of the levadas, the remarkable and intricate system of watercourses which irrigate the island.

Soothed by the sound of their waters one can stroll in pretty Arcadian country near Funchal, or follow their course into the most rugged and difficult mountain terrain, where it is advisable to take a guide.

While most people associate the Azores with anticyclones and pineapples, travellers who find their way to these nine remote islands, about 950 miles out in the Atlantic due west of Lisbon, have the chance of a variety of holidays in unspoilt towns and country, far from the tourist hordes.

No charter flights go there, but Santa Maria, the southernmost island, has been a regular transatlantic flight stopover for many years for travellers flying from Lisbon to the United States. Although not as interesting as some of the other islands, it is pretty, with rich vineyards and cornfields, and a leisurely pace of life.

Suntours says its clients enjoy San Miguel, the largest island, where the capital, Ponta Delgada, has a most attractive country-house style 30 room hotel, the São Pedro, on the waterfront.

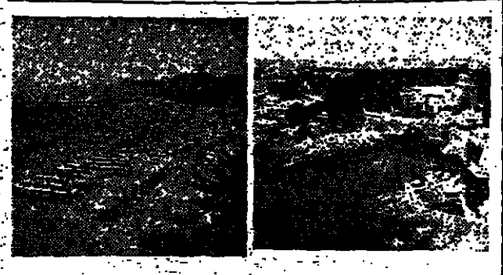
Some more intrepid Victorian travellers used to visit São Miguel to immerse themselves in the sickly-looking sulphurous waters of the pool at the Hotel Terra Nostra.

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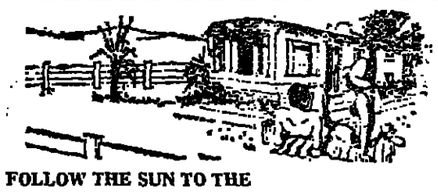
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Caroline Moorehead meets the biographer who got there first

Inside the skin of Thomas Hardy

The profession of biographer today resembles nothing so much as a rather dignified game of musical chairs, in which a growing number of would-be biographers chase a diminishing number of much wooed subjects in ever smaller circles. Occasionally, to change the metaphor, one of them, more adventurous perhaps than the rest, makes off with what at first sight may seem a prey already picked clean; as fresh meat appears on the carcass so envious colleagues gaze longingly and wonder why they did not get there first. Robert Gittings has found just such a prize: Thomas Hardy. And the timing could not be better: on January 11 Hardy, who died 50 years ago, came out of copyright, unleashing a flood of reprints and collected editions. The anniversary has been marked by a television serialization of *The Mayor of Casterbridge*, and documentaries about his life.

In Robert Gittings's case the timely publication of *The Older Hardy* on Monday is fortuitous. It is the second volume of his biography, the first, *Young Thomas Hardy*, having appeared, to quietly enthusiastic reviews, three years ago. He had in fact never planned more than one book, until he found he had material left over, and enough curiosity to go on.

The enthusiasm is vital. More than a love for your subject, he says, having studied the art of biography with care, and given lectures on it soon to appear in book form, you need to feel such admiration for his work that you are curious to discover how a human spirit could have been capable of producing it. "It's a mistake to think you must fall in love with him", he says. "Even Keats could be very irritating. But I was fascinated by how these two poets, professionally, did their work, and how meanness of spirit can coexist with enormous sensitivity." Only the excellence of the material can possibly sustain a biographer through the many years assiduous research that must go into such a book, where so much material is lost and so much else impenetrable.

Robert Gittings is all that you imagine a biographer and poet to be, a schoolmasterly sort of man with receded sandy grey hair, and heavy glasses, sober, lean, a little dry. He lives along the edge of the South Downs near Chichester, in a tidy and agreeable cottage, once outhouse to a larger house he has since sold, and converted with a £1,000 W. H. Smith prize. The long sitting room that makes up the entire first floor has views over the downs, and rough floor boards covered in rhea. There is no clutter. His wife Jo Manton, a biographer herself, is a smiling, capable woman who sings in the choir in Chichester and helped him read through an immense newly found cache of Florence Hardy's letters.

Like his father, who spent a miserable 25 years as a naval doctor, and then a far happier second 25 years as an eye surgeon, Robert Gittings has broken his life in two. Having studied history at Cambridge he taught there for a while before joining the BBC to dramatize biography for radio. His description of himself during those years, which, like his father's careers, lasted a quarter of a century, is of a "poet employed by the BBC". He worked largely from home, by then a house he had bought in the same village he now lives in, having always had a profound hatred for office life.

His poetry led him to Keats; Keats, about whom he wrote or edited five books, led him quickly to the realization that two such careers are not compatible, particularly if you are also a poet. In any case he had by then started work on what was to be a major biography of the last year of the poet's life. And so he left the BBC.



Robert Gittings: enthusiasm is vital.

He has never gone back: awards and fellowships, as well as visiting lectureships to America, have come his way with pleasing regularity.

Robert Gittings belongs to the meticulous school of biographers, those like Lady Longford and Michael Holroyd, who devote their grants to the gathering and sifting of every document and old menu, every letter and annotated passage, skipping nothing. "Discoveries", he says, are no more than conscientiousness; it is all a question of really looking, really reading, not sticking to the conventional view and blocking out the rest. "With Hardy, biographers have tended to quote from about 12 set letters", he says. "It was as if no one had ever read the hundreds of others properly." So he visited Hardy country at the times of year that Hardy writes about, and walked the scenes of the different novels, book by book, talked to people still alive who remembered him, and read.

The diligence had its rewards: the sudden noticing of coincidences and connexions. "It is", he says, "the pleasant side of waking up at three in the morning, and suddenly realizing that you are on to something."

He is, however, agreeably alive to the dangers of being seduced and overwhelmed by his material: Robert Gittings is a reflective selector, intent on not trivializing by putting in irrelevant details or pretty but unnecessary anecdotes. "Biographies", he says, quoting Desmond McCarthy, "are artists on oath. You must ask yourself with every fact: does this trivialize or does it bear on this man's achievements?"

As a biographer Robert Gittings has had just two subjects, Keats and Hardy, major figures and thus belonging to what he sees as the first of several classes of permissible subject for a biographer. "Both are men of stature, about whom you write because their work is supreme." Equally valid however in an age of proliferating biographies are, he feels, the "composite biography" showing some interaction between two people, like the portraits of Lord Lucan and Lord Cardigan in Cecil Woodham-Smith's *The Reason Why*, or Gordon N. Ray's account of the relationship between H. G. Wells and Rebecca West, and the "multiple biography", like Ronald Blythe's *Akenfield* illuminating an entire age or place. The throwing of light is what counts; it justifies even the life of a minor figure. But trivia should not be used to cast confusion.

The two Hardy biographies belong firmly in the first category. The minutiae of life is there in the books, but it is gently handled. The two books are in fact not so much a simple life of the poet, as a sometimes scholarly always responsible and thorough mixture of literary criticism and daily description. It is usually riveting, sometimes dense. Robert Gittings himself says that the mixture is artistically difficult, especially where the criticism of the work is a precise technical point which does not fit easily with domestic details.

"Thomas Hardy determined to set up a barrier against biography . . ." starts the first volume, "No author can have taken more care that the future should know only what he wanted it to know". How legitimate is it to defy so blatantly, as biographers constantly do, the frenzied efforts for posthumous privacy?

Robert Gittings has an answer to this. Hardy, he says, by passing off a ponderous and pompous autobiography as a biography written by his second wife, Florence, did himself such a profound disservice that he must be rescued from it. Hardy's childhood and early life is crucial in understanding him, and it has never before been properly explained. "I wanted to show him not as a silly old man, but as one who was capable of extraordinary feats of sensitivity."

Not only does the outer appearance of his life—the walks along the downs, the visits to Chichester Theatre—seem to suit him well, but Robert Gittings is in an unusually good position. He has had two subjects in 27 years: both have proved worthy of his painstaking scrutiny. Many biographers in his position would now, in that hiatus that follows such concentrated work be engaged in an anxious search for a new character. But Robert Gittings is first of all a poet. He says, half joking, that because he has worked so hard at his research he has only had time to write short poems. Once a new selection of Hardy's poetry that he is now preparing is finished he can turn back, and will, with pleasure, to his other life.

Michael Ratcliffe will review *The Older Hardy* by Robert Gittings on the *Books* Page next Thursday.

Glittering prizes for the salmon pirates



Salmon fishing: are the pirates having it all their own way?

Salmon fishing opened last month on some Highland rivers, and by mid-March most of England and Wales will be joining the Scots in the traditional efforts to catch the first spring salmon of the season. But as anglers zip on their rainproofs and put double socks inside their waders to keep out the cold of early season fishing, they may well be remembering last year's stern warning from conservationists: that the Atlantic salmon could be on the way out.

Like many another endangered or potentially endangered species, salmon has a rare market value, and has attracted a new breed of poacher. Until a few years ago poaching by gangs was mainly a matter of netting the rivers or estuaries after dark. There was a reasonable living in it, the penalties were low, and the risks were worth taking.

They still are. The land-based gangs are now often highly organized with primitive but effective marketing arrangements. But the new threat to the salmon—more efficient, more ruthless, and more damaging—comes from the sea. Combined with the established practice of illegal river netting, illegal high-seas netting, which is only just developing, is likely to deal a severe blow to salmon stocks. Conservationists say it may be fatal.

The trouble started when the salmon, returning from their deepsea feeding grounds to the rivers to spawn, were netted, at first accidentally, many miles off the coasts. The offshore fishermen were not slow to see their chance. Using very long drift nets of nylon monofilament—almost invisible in the water—they began to capture large quantities of fish that were far more valuable than herring or mackerel, which anyway were in decline. They did not see why they should be licensed to catch salmon on the high seas—they knew in any case they would not get a licence—and so the black market boom began and a new breed of high-seas pirate was born.

The licensed netsmen of the estuaries and the anglers on the rivers became indignant, furious and alarmed. "Unless the extraordinary growth illegal fishing can be check said an outraged press re from the Association of tish District Salmon Fis Boards, "Scotland's 1,20 fessional salmon fishermen lose their jobs, the ti industry will lose one of star attractions, and salmo disappear from our land".

Estimates of the dam vary. In Scotland it is that more than one third all salmon taken last year taken illegally, in Devon Cornwall more than half. truth is that no one re knows—and the estimates have to be judged in the of the fact that those ma them have an interest in ing the most alarming pic that they can.

Even so, it is obvious th the high-seas netting goes and develops—and there is or nothing stopping it doi at the moment—salmon st will be in very considera danger. The drift-net ve are more difficult to locate to arrest, than land gangs. Some are reporte have found a ready marke their catches in Hamburg other ports, where the fish said to be sold by the pir to operators at between £5 £10 a pound. Like i another sea fishermen be them they will fight hard these freedoms. There some nasty clashes last ye

Like most unlicensed depending on which way looks at it—enterprising of earning a living, there difficulties of control. Le tion on a European scal needed. In the United dom there have been prop that no salmon should bought except from lice dealers—proposals that are in abeyance because no really wants to go to trouble of licensing fish gers—while another possib which may get a little s support is the extension of tion 22 of the Salmon Freshwater Fisheries Act. This would make it an off for anyone to sell a salmo anyone at any time unless had come by it legally. It m have some effect, but i doubtful how much. At moment it looks as though pirates are having it all t own way.

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Civil servants: too many or not enough?

"I and many of many colleagues would be the first to admit that in some areas there is too much government intervention in the private sector. In certain departments, civil servants should stand back and ask themselves whether or not such intervention has gone too far."

Such an admission, from a senior civil servant, albeit opaque and anonymous, is a rarity. For the most part, as three recent weeks of inquiries and conversations made depressingly clear, investigating bureaucracy is rather like punching jelly. The target remains amorphous and elusive. At every level, government is ready with a glib defence of itself and its functions. Bureaucrats are everywhere except here.

Two examples should suffice. The Department of Trade employs some 8,000 people, mainly engaged in the promotion of overseas trade, the supervision and regulation of a large section of the nation's commerce, ranging from banking to tourism, and marine and aviation legislation.

Those employees understandably, and perhaps justifiably, feel that they are performing a useful function and that their numbers are not excessive. The department's critics, however, say that it is meddlesome and ineffectual, and that its powers should be drastically reduced.

The Department of Energy, with only just over 1,300 staff, is one of the smallest in Whitehall. Its main responsibility is for a number of large nationalized industries including coal, gas, electricity and nuclear power, together with public investment in North Sea oil.

Most of the leading figures in those industries would probably agree with Sir Richard Marsh, former chairman of British Rail and a former minister, that government intervention is excessive and demoralizing. It has been particularly resented by the international oil companies, which are not used to being told what to do and which believe that the public interest could be perfectly adequately safeguarded without the cumbersome apparatus of the British National Oil Corporation.

Mr Wedgwood Benn, the Secretary of State for Energy, as an ardent interventionist, would doubtless disagree. So, for that matter, would Mr Geoffrey Drain, general secretary of the National and Local Government Officers' Association (Nalgo), who believes that government involvement, not just in the oil industry, has not gone nearly far enough.

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Civil servants, for the most part, claim to be less keen on intervention than politicians. "We are very much aware of the difficulties, and one of our tasks is often to act as moderators", one of them said.

"Besides intervention cuts both ways. It is all very well for the Conservatives to talk about excessive government interference, but in the past they have provided funds to keep firms like Rolls-Royce in business.

"Businessmen criticize us for meddling. But they are quite happy to call for government action to restrain wage settlements, and nobody has argued more strongly for assistance to the inner cities than chambers of commerce."

Probably the most widely criticized government departments are those which have the most direct dealings with the public: Health and Social Security, Environment, the Home Office, Customs and Excise and the Inland Revenue. Out of 47 complaints upheld by the Parliamentary Commissioner (the Ombudsman) between August and October last year, well over half concerned the Inland Revenue and the DHSS.

Coincidentally or not, those five departments are among the largest. Their defenders say that their size is an accurate reflection of the tasks they are called upon to perform, that the vast majority of employees are not administrators but executives, clerks, technicians and secretaries performing specific tasks, and that they are frequently overworked and understaffed.

Local authorities, similarly, feel that they are unjustly castigated. "The public demands more and more services all the time", an official complained, "and at the same time we are taken to task for our so-called profligate spending. You can't have it both ways."

Whether or not central or local government is overstaffed, each certainly thinks the other is. Council officials feel that there are far too many people in Whitehall issuing circulars and directives; civil servants feel that, despite disproportionately high salaries, local authority staffs are of inadequate calibre.

For the outsider it is almost impossible to judge. One frequent comment is that the easiest way to reduce staff and paperwork would be to simplify the tax and benefit systems. "But that would only mean more work for the Department of Employment, looking after all the redundant bureaucrats", a cynical businessman commented.

The one argument heard over and over again is that the growth of government is a direct effect of the ever increasing volume of legislation.

"So long as politicians seek to regulate every aspect of our lives, then bureaucracy will continue to grow", says Dr Brian Lewis of the British Medical Association. "It follows as surely as night follows day."

John Young
Planning Reporter

This series is now concluded

Rock of ages

The ancient mystery of splitting slate is being performed this month in the heart of London. This is not as incongruous as it looks, since many of the houses around the Welsh Crafts Centre are roofed with the natural rock of Snowdonia.

To split slate, first find your slate, which is easier said than done. You have to wait 500 million years for the elements of earth, air, fire and water to compound the material to exactly the right slaty cleavage. It is found only in a few places in the world, and the best are in North Wales.

Splitting is the job of an experienced and delicate quarryman. You lean the heavy block against your thigh, set chisel to edge, and tap lightly with mallet along the cleavage or grain of the slate. A crack appears, and slight pressure with the chisel splits the block in two with a most satisfactory stroke of magic. You repeat the process until the block becomes too thin to split further or you spoil it by clumsiness or hit a flaw of iron pyrites. You keep the ends of the block soaking wet at all times. A really skilled splitter can extract an astonishing number of slates out of a four-inch block. Usually they are a sixth of an inch thick, but an artist can split finer than that.

The split slates are passed to the dresser, who works beside the splitter in their cubicle. His job is to trim the four sides to a chamfer-edged rectangular roofing slate.

For a century and a half this beautiful black art was the foundation of fortunes and the daily bread for generations of skilled Welshmen. The names of slate are incantations in the history of Wales. Before the first war Bethesda was the largest man-made excavation in the world, Dinorwig the largest open quarry, and the Dorothea the deepest hole in Britain.

The art has been sadly reduced because of the rise of cheap and nasty mass-produced tiles. Slate is a natural product and cannot be mass-produced. A quarry, like a farm, fishery or forest, is not and cannot become a factory. But the ancient art of splitting slates survives, and its craftsmen are finding new and beautiful uses for it. They are on display this month at the Welsh Crafts Centre in the Brompton Road.

Philip Howard



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Fred Emery

Counting up the Ilford percentages

The Ilford by-election, so clamorous, so unpleasant with the immigration row and the police ban on marches has, after all, not produced an upheaval. Jubilant Tories can justifiably shout for Mr Callaghan's demise, but not deafeningly so. The Prime Minister can, if he wants to, find encouragement, in voting trends alone, to stay in office until late next year.

Doubtless the economic and parliamentary balances, with the Liberals disintegrating, still might not allow the Government to survive beyond this autumn. But even on that time-scale the Ilford watermark, clearly though it confirms a Tory tide, does not identify that general election watershed between the main parties that Mrs Thatcher discerns.

The Ilford result also cannot, whatever the opinion polls and ministers' responses, clearly indicate which party might end up benefiting from the quarrel over immigration policy. In that there is relief for moderates in all parties.

The Conservative indicators are admittedly very strong. An overall Commons majority of some 81, after gaining 77 seats from Labour, is theoretically predictable if the Ilford swing of 6.9 per cent is reproduced at a general election. Also, the Conservative 12.3 per cent lead over Labour at Ilford tended to confirm national (rather than local) opinion polling.

The apparent return to Conservative ranks of part of the 1974 Liberal vote is perhaps the most gratifying factor to Mrs Thatcher.

In Labour's favour is an unexpected answer to the question whose share of the vote dropped most drastically compared with the identical Ilford constituency's GLC election last year. It was not the hapless Liberals, but the Conservatives. There was no fuss about immigration a year ago but, in spite of a greatly increased turnout on Thursday, the Conservatives increased their vote by only 3,083. Labour, over the year pulled back 7,281 votes.

Also of cheer to Labour is the relative trend downwards in the "swing" to Conservatives. In the previous five Conservative by-election gains from Labour the average swing was 14.8 per cent. So if the Prime Minister likes to begin his comparisons with the outright Labour disasters this time last year at Stechford and Ashfield, Ilford must indeed seem—as the *Financial Times* headline put it—a "Labour revival".

If the trend could be sustained in Labour's favour in the three by-elections pending, Mr Callaghan might even persuade himself it is he, and not Mrs Thatcher, who has what the Americans call "momentum".

Not so Mr Steel. He alone emerges without encouragement, although the Liberal vote, for the same man as last year, did rise by 309 votes, with the party share subsiding rather than collapsing from six to five per cent. The grim point is that the Lib-Lab pact has done nothing to revive the Liberals.

Figures aside, the result is certainly to be put under the microscope as the first test of the immigration uproar provoked by Mrs Thatcher. In vain do her apologists protest that she did not start it. The political reality on the doorstep, as all main candidates in Ilford will testify, is that it is her name, and hers alone, that voters associate with the topic, whether in hope or fear.

Mr Callaghan's ministers insist that the "scare" warped the result. Certainly their own unbridled vituperation of the Leader of the Opposition contributed hugely to the over-reaction that was evident in talk in the constituency, and magnified in the press.

But after three visits to the constituency I remain undecided how this affected the vote. One poll suggests that it persuaded Labour voters to switch; and I met some such. But if they and the Liberals went Tory, how was it that the Conservative vote increased by only 3,000-odd since last year? What of the 10 per cent plus Jewish vote in the area?

Mrs Thatcher's remarks about preserving "British" culture certainly offended some Jews I met more than she or Sir Keith Joseph, or his lieutenant Mr Alfred Sherman seem to imagine.

Sir Keith's most un-British appeal in a speech for the Jewish vote on Mrs Thatcher's immigration policy, among others, quite possibly backfired. Judging by the great increase in the Labour vote over last year, in spite of the heavy rain, it is possible that the immigration clamour actually got more Labour voters out in protest rather than those who deserted to the Conservatives.

One irony is that local concern about race scarcely existed until the by-election prompted it. At public meetings attended by the party faithful (excepting the National Front's whose candidate complained that Labour and Conservative governments had turned "Britain into a multi-racial dungheap") the issue was rarely raised.

Mr Whitelaw's meeting passed without a single question on immigration. And when Mr Benn addressed his, the question put by one of the handful of non-whites in his audience was about policy towards multinational corporations.



The victor at Ilford, Mr Vivian Bendall.

Mr Benn himself spoke warmly about race, deploring what he called the Tory exploitation of the "slump" (hardly Mr Callaghan's word). Mr Benn also denounced the attempt to divide black worker from white insisting that Britain was the stronger and more enriched for immigrant contributions since Roman times.

Addressing the Asians and West Indians as a socialist, he said: "It isn't you they're after—it's us too."

More than other ministers, Mr Benn devoted most of his time to his campaign for socialist reforms.

Well, if not Bennism, one l son being drawn from Ilford ministers will be to try to s fighting the election, reacti to Tory issues, and to go out to preach that the Gove ment's economic "success" too precious to let the Conse atives ruin it.

For it is that message t clearly is not being believed the voters. And some Conse atives will be urging on th leadership that the party m concentrate on core econom issues. Not only are th central, but they provide a mo respectable party battle grou than some of the wilder en tive issues the Tories have be treating.

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Through a paradise garden whose lazy cascade
drooled o'er the toes of a Nymphet Dismay'd
Oscar and Algernon sipped orangeade,
saying: "Providence shows me our statues displayed
amid, my dear rhapsode, yon laurel arcade."
"O, mythomantical Time!" Algy neighed,
as Oscar continued: "Then yet to be mayed
maids may ask as they're sighingly laid;
Who on earth are those dirty old men in the glade?"
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FROM RHODESIA TO ZIMBABWE

Bishop Muzorewa arrives in London today to obtain the support of the British Government for the agreement on a constitution providing for majority rule, and on an interim government of black and white ministers which was signed in Salisbury yesterday. He must expect to be asked searching questions on the way in which the transition can come about in the face of the continued opposition of the Patriotic Front and their guerrillas now operating throughout Rhodesia.

The British Government has first to satisfy itself that the constitution that will apply after December 31 meets the conditions which successive British administrations have laid down for recognition of Rhodesian-Zimbabwean independence. If so satisfied, British Ministers must consider how far they can give their confidence and support to the interim government. For if the interim arrangements collapse, the new Salisbury-made constitution is irrelevant. The ends may be approved, but the means must be adequate to secure them.

Lifting of barriers

In broad terms the constitution to take effect on December 31 seems an acceptable compromise. The arrangement for 28 white members to be elected on racial franchises, out of a parliament of a hundred, would be unacceptable were not its duration limited to ten years and the white block prevented from joining with a small black party to defeat the representation of the vast majority. Moreover the white blocking vote on constitutional amendments amounts to only six on balance and as the rigid control of Mr Smith's party breaks up, it will present a declining obstacle to black demands for further change. Anyone who objects to this limitation on black majority rule must ask himself what, without it, will induce the whites to stay in Rhodesia and make a success of it, and indeed for the time being shed their blood for it. The strongest objections to it will come from those demanding a Marxist change in the nature of Rhodesian society—that is, the ejection of most of the present white population and its replacement, if by any non-blacks, by Cubans and the like.

For the rest, the proposed constitution follows traditional democratic lines; its ultimate fate lies in the hands of the black population. The preparation of the conditions in which it can work, and command support, have been laid under the agreement, upon the interim government. Thus, to take up a vital point, when all discriminatory laws have been repealed there should be no barriers to rapid advancement of blacks in the public services; such "Africanization" is an essential part of the development of a black state. It is discrimination that has made Rhodesia what it is; its removal that will make Zimbabwe something completely different. On the assumption that the new constitution comes into existence, there is no theoretical reason why Mr Nkomo and Mr Mugabe should not end up as prime ministers in it.

It is the interim arrangements which the British Government will have to examine carefully, for they diverge from the Anglo-American plan. They are complicated, and how well adapted to the dispatch of so much urgent business remains to be seen. In effect a four-man junta now takes over policy-making and overall control in Rhodesia. Mr Smith retains the title of prime minister, but the chairmanship of the executive council revolves and will be black three weeks in four. Mr Smith's real function is to make sure that his party, which has 50 members in the present house, votes without undue quibble a mass of legislation which the junta will require the council of ministers to put before it. In the council every portfolio is to be dually held by black and white ministers—to ensure that what the junta wants done is fairly done.

The ministers have to end all discrimination, put flesh on the bones of the constitution, register the voters, arrange the elections, and reorganize the security forces. This is a daunting programme in time of increasing civil war. It is at this point that the whole plan may break down. Yet, given the premise of an internal solution —that black and white must co-operate—the alternatives which might better secure success are not easy to see.

In effect the whole agreement is an aspiration. As such the British Government cannot be expected to validate it in the sense of recognizing the interim government. The acceptance of the plan cannot now be put to the test of public opinion; it can only be tested *ex post facto* in the elections to be held on adult franchise. Britain could not on this basis go to the United Nations and call for the immediate lifting of sanctions, nor does the new junta expect this.

Nevertheless, it would be utterly wrong for the British Government not to do what it reasonably can to help the interim government take Rhodesia successfully through the transition. There are fortunately many things that the British Government can do to help without committing itself to recognizing a regime that may never prove to be the people's real choice, or may founder for other reasons.

Britain's first task should undoubtedly be to urge the Patriotic Front leaders, with whom it has contact, to change their attitude and not place themselves in the position of trying to wreck democratic elections by force and intimidation. They can be campaigners for their own parties; to such peaceful influence they should be persuaded, and the frontline presidents (particularly Dr Kaunda and Mr Machel) should be persuaded to help persuade them. This will be a task for both British and American diplomacy. If the guerrilla war is wound down the first condition for the success of the Salisbury plan will be met.

British diplomacy has at the same time the wider role of urging the advantages of accepting the plan upon the Organization of African Unity and in the United Nations. Once majority rule is secured, and the civil war is wound down, Rhodesia is no longer (if it ever was) a danger to international peace. Britain can notify the Security Council that if the new government, after elections, is installed on December 31, it will want to raise sanctions on these grounds.

But such efforts are not likely to be successful unless the interim government moves fast and effectively, and it should be the British Government's concern to help that happen. While the interim government, operating within the 1969 Rhodesian constitution, is technically illegal here, no formal British mission could be sent to Salisbury. But there are many half-way houses. A British representative, preferably with ministerial experience, and with adequate back-up, should be reporting direct to the British Prime Minister as soon as possible. His objective ought to be to expedite the elections. The less time before the poll, the less time there will be for political and personal disagreements, and for guerrilla infiltration and propaganda. No doubt Mr Smith's presence in the junta is necessary for some time to carry the whites along in the administration, the forces and parliament; but the sooner he can be replaced, the easier the task of persuading the guerrillas that white rule is over, and the outside world that an acceptable regime is taking over.

The question of sanctions

Other forms of aid and encouragement can be worked out as the performance of the interim government is assessed. It will be asked if the raising of sanctions would not be the best encouragement. In fact, it would not. To call for it now would be counter-productive internationally, and in any case sanctions are not the largest factor in Rhodesia's immediate economic problem. The possibility of injecting capital and raising sanctions is rather the instrument by which the interim government can be persuaded to urgent effort.

It would be natural for Dr Owen to prefer the White Paper formula to have been accepted. But it was not accepted—by anybody. On the other hand it helped to get the Salisbury plan off the launching pad. It is now for Dr Owen to try to ensure that it succeeds in reaching the same ultimate objective as the Anglo-American plan.

THE VERDICT OF ILFORD

The voters of Ilford have made it as certain as anything can be in politics that there will be no general election before October. It would take a far less cautious Prime Minister than Mr Callaghan to risk going to the polls so soon after a by-election at which there was a swing that would put the Conservatives in with an overall majority—especially as the Scotland Bill could not be on the statute book for a summer election. So the practical question now is whether Mr Callaghan will choose to go to the country in October or wait until next year.

The evidence of Ilford is more uncertain on that point. The Conservatives did well, but not so well as at a number of earlier by-elections during this Parliament or so triumphantly as the opinion polls had predicted. In all probability the Conservative vote was swollen by the immigration issue. That is the evidence both of the ITN poll, which showed that almost half of those who switched from Labour to Conservative were influenced by that question, and of comments on the doorstep. If that is so, it would seem that a good many of those who a year ago were deserting Labour because of disillusionment with the Government's economic record have now returned to the fold, or the Tory majority would have been still larger. So the underlying trend may not be so unfavourable to the Government as the bald figures of Ilford might suggest.

But to put it like that is to beg two questions. The first is whether it would be correct to assume that immigration will be of less consequence at a general election. Labour may have found means by then of countering the Tories on this—though that will not be so easy once it has been established in the public mind that Mrs Thatcher is tougher on immigration—and the issue may not matter so much across the country as it does in Ilford. But the sudden jump in Conservative support in the opinion polls immediately after Mrs Thatcher's broadcast was an indication of how widespread the feeling is on this question. The National Front, it is true, did not do so well at Ilford as many people had feared—winning a smaller percentage of the poll than in the by-elections at Stechford, the Cities of London and Westminster South, Walsall and Rotherham—but there is still a good deal of public anxiety over the current level of immigration. Much of it is based on ignorance of what that level is and on sheer racial prejudice, but that will not stop the issue being of political significance. It will not be as important as economic questions over the country as a whole, but it might well be the critical factor in a number of marginal constituencies.

The second question is what will happen to the economy during the rest of this year. The improvement in the Government's electoral prospects in recent months has coincided with the belief that the country's economic fortunes are much brighter. The expectation has been that the balance of payments would be strong for the remainder of this year and that the rate of inflation would continue to decline. But that expectation has now been brought in question. If the economy seems to be getting into difficulties once again then Mr Callaghan may find himself in the position of holding on for as long as he can in the hope of better weather ahead.

If it comes to that, his chances of being able to keep going should have been improved by the poor showing of the Liberals at Ilford. They may well not wish to renew their pact with Labour in the summer, but after losing another deposit they cannot be eager to rush into a general election. Whether their poor performance was the result of the pact itself or was another example of the difficulty that they customarily experience in mobilizing the protest vote when Labour is in office, there can be little doubt that a large section of Liberal support went to the Tories. That is one aspect of the verdict of Ilford that should give particular encouragement to the Conservatives. It might be the determining factor in the general election.

Jobs for the disadvantaged

From Mr Nicholas Hinton

Sir, Last Tuesday (February 28) the Manpower Services Commission announced the new programmes to help young unemployed. The commitment of the Government to assist the unemployed, and particularly their pledge to find a place for every school leaver without a job by Easter 1979, is very welcome. But the provision of over a quarter of a million job opportunities a year is an enormous task. It will demand the support and contribution of many sectors of society including local government, trade unions, employers and not least voluntary organizations which provide some 40 per cent of the places on the current MSC scheme, the Job Creation Programme.

The MSC look to voluntary organizations for assistance in three major parts of the new programmes; community service jobs, training workshops and project based work. Because of the specific interests of many voluntary organizations they are particularly well suited to provide for the doubly disadvantaged—the young offender, the handicapped or the rising number of young unemployed from ethnic minority groups. Many voluntary organizations that have been heavily involved in Job Creation fear that in their understandable desire for big schemes, the MSC are finding it difficult to be flexible enough over the ratio of supervisors and trainees or the funding formula to meet the needs of projects catering for the particularly disadvantaged.

It will be tragic if the new programmes fail to build on and extend the involvement and expertise of voluntary organizations, especially if this lessens the chances of jobs for those most in need.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS HINTON,
Director,
The National Council of Social Service,
26 Bedford Square, WC1.
March 2.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Obligations on human rights

From Mr A. B. McNulty and Professor J. E. S. Fawcett

Sir, As old Strasbourg hands we read with interest Mr Silvester's letter published in *The Times* of February 6, 1978. He has somewhat confused the procedure of the European Court with the European Commission of Human Rights and thus given a wrong significance to the incidence of United Kingdom cases.

It is not true that the United Kingdom has accepted the compulsory jurisdiction of the Court on individual applications as the Court has no such direct jurisdiction. As to the proceedings before the Commission it is only those cases declared admissible (some 5 per cent of about 400 complaints registered annually) which may, but not must, be referred to the Court if the Commission does not achieve a settlement between the parties.

Indeed, of the 38 cases mentioned by Mr Silvester, as far as we can identify them from his description, only a few have been admitted by the Commission and may go to the Court for decision. For example, the Guernsey case was declared inadmissible by the Commission on February 8 and the proceedings are closed.

However, more fundamentally, Mr Silvester is correct in saying that "it is no accident that conventions such as the European Convention operate predominantly against vigilant states like ourselves". This was the whole intention of the founding fathers of the Council of Europe in 1949 and of the drafters of the European Convention. Those concerned included leading United Kingdom politicians such as Sir Winston Churchill and Lord Kilmuir and representatives of the three main parties.

All concerned wished to take the lead in showing that the West European democratic states were prepared to fortify their own domestic safeguards by accepting these international obligations and to establish a collective guarantee of the rights and freedoms listed in the Convention. Acceptance of the duty to further human rights is a necessary condition for membership not only of the Council of Europe but also of the European Community. The Communities Court at Luxembourg has on several occasions "borrowed" the Strasbourg Convention in deciding cases with a particular human rights context.

The United Kingdom is the only member state of the Council of Europe which has neither incorporated the Convention nor has any constitutional provisions protecting rights guaranteed in the Convention. In fact the Convention itself has been without difficulty "domesticated" in the national legislations of 11 of the member states.

Any rethinking of policy today might best be on the basic consideration that it is at least arguable that, if Convention rights and freedoms were directly secured by Act of Parliament with effective remedies in the United Kingdom, fewer complaints would reach Strasbourg.

Yours faithfully,
A. B. McNULTY,
Former Secretary, European Commission of Human Rights
J. E. S. FAWCETT,
President, European Commission of Human Rights,
British Institute of Human Rights,
17 Russell Square, WC1.
February 27.

National Front tactics

From the Rev M. D. Whitehorn

Sir, In your issue of February 22, Mr P. G. Ellis of Sevenoaks, denounced your leading article of February 18 about the National Front—"Corruption of Youth"—and said that conversation with "people of all classes, but particularly of the middle class in a town like this" showed that you were "entirely out of touch with popular feeling." We do not know if we represent the majority of people in Sevenoaks, but I write as chairman and on behalf of the Sevenoaks and District Council of Churches, on which are represented some 30 local churches of all the main Christian traditions. We believe that we speak for many people—and not only those in our congregations—when we say that we endorse the main lines of your leading article. We base this belief on what we have seen and heard locally for ourselves and through contact with people of all classes and parties.

In this town people have recently begun to receive through their letter boxes National Front propaganda leaflets saying that "after years of betrayal by the Labour, Liberal and Tory parties we now have in Britain six million coloured immigrants, with a promise of tens of thousands more." The language of these leaflets speaks for itself. It incites scorn for our parliamentary democracy and irrational fears based on statistics for which there is no warrant in any study published by reputable bodies (the Franks Committee, for example).

Mr Ellis affects to be shocked that you should have accused the National Front of stirring up hatred against black immigrants or encouraging violence and fascism. We can tell you from our own experience in Sevenoaks how the National Front have spoken and acted in the matter of gypsy sites. They publicly announced here that they would use force if necessary to prevent gypsies from being settled on any of the sites which the local authority was considering in the exercise of its statutory responsibilities.

The policy of the National Front in using unpopular minorities as scapegoats for the complex ills of society is becoming increasingly clear and Mr Ellis protests too much. The policies advocated by the National Front substitute simplistic slogans for responsible thought about complex issues, and we should all be concerned to help our young people to face the facts in all their difficulty, not least for the sake of themselves and their children in the future.

Yours faithfully,
M. D. WHITEHORN,
78 Marlborough Crescent,
Sevenoaks,
Kent.
March 2.

Limiting arms by negotiation

From Dr Radomir Bogdanov

Sir, It is already becoming something of a cliché to talk of the danger of arms technology outstripping the process of political negotiation. This was seen with the development of the MIRVs and the cruise missiles. It is now the big danger which threatens the present Salt 2 talks.

If no agreement is reached this year both sides will develop precisely those components in which they are superior to one another today. It cannot be excluded that while the talks go on the USA may develop new destabising types of weapons which render agreement on the present basis impossible. This means that the process of arms limitation would then have to be attempted all over again from the very beginning but, of course, at a higher, and consequently more dangerous level of the arms spiral.

The only possible basis for negotiation and agreement is the principle of equality and undiminished security for both sides. This also corresponds to the state of strategic parity between the USA and the USSR.

The idea of attempting to gain military superiority over the Soviet Union is not only illusory but it serves to accelerate the arms race and increases the difficulty of agreement.

From our point of view we see at the moment the United States developing a new more powerful and more accurate nuclear warhead for its strategic missiles, the MK-12, an intercontinental mobile missile the MX, and long range cruise missiles. We can only conclude that the initiators of this build up wish to achieve a first strike capability, a concept far removed from the idea of equality and undiminished security.

And these new arms are being developed in a situation where already the US has claimed that it can hit each target in the Soviet Union at least three times and so destroy our country many times over and where US "theatre" nuclear weapons have been brought up close to our borders. Suffice it to mention that the USA now has nearly 800 carrier aircraft and missiles and more than 7,000 units of nuclear ammunition in Europe and is now agitating to add to them a new means of mass annihilation —the neutron bomb.

Already US advanced deployment nuclear forces will not figure in a new Salt agreement. But the arms race gets faster and more deadly and what is urgently needed is to establish an efficient arms control system to consolidate the atmosphere of confidence between the USA and the Soviet Union, a step which can only increase the security of all countries and all peoples and thus deserves their active support. For these reasons a Salt 2 agreement this year is vital to us all.

Yours faithfully,
RADOMIR BOGDANOV,
Assistant Director,
Institute of US and Canadian Studies,
Moscow.
March 2.

From Mr Michael Astor

Sir, Would it be preferable to live under Soviet domination rather than submit many millions of people to immediate death, and their descendants to a slow and painful death, by radiation? This is one way of looking at the issue raised by Russia's reaction to the neutron bomb. Another approach is this. The free world has a deterrent if it has the confidence to use it. If the United States made it clear that an unprovoked attack by the Soviet Union on the West would result in American retaliation on whatever scale was necessary for victory we, on both sides of the Atlantic, could continue to search for peaceful solutions while enjoying our comparative freedoms.

In the meantime apologists for Soviet behaviour might ask themselves why it is that the leaders of the USSR, unlike the Americans, maintain their country on a war footing and on a war economy.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL ASTOR,
Bruern,
Churchill,
Oxford.
March 2.

Repatriation of prisoners

From Lady Williams

Sir, In examining as you are doing at present the repatriation of Soviet citizens after the last war, one must bear in mind that not all the numbers quoted were repatriated against their will.

I was a patient in a British military hospital in Rome in May 1945 with a group of Soviet women, whose husbands had fought with the Germans. They were approached by a priest of the Uniate Church who offered to help them should they wish to remain in Italy. I speak Russian and took part in their discussions with their husbands on whether to be repatriated or not. I tried to persuade them to stay. The Soviet consul was kept at bay while they made up their minds. They knew that correction camps or possibly death awaited them, especially those who were officers, yet all of them decided to return "home", hoping for the best. The unknown, Western world was too terrifying.

Our officers told us stories of stopping trains repatriating Soviet citizens at odd places in the Austrian woods with doors unlocked but no one took advantage to escape.

Nor were all our military unfeeling. In DP camps many Soviet citizens "disappeared" without the authorities doing anything about it. I worked as interpreter and translated many complaints from the Soviets about this.

One must also remember the feelings of the Soviet military, who had had to fight these "traitors" in the most horrible of wars, neither side taking prisoners. We British in Austria had to listen to stories of atrocities committed by these "traitors" against Red Army soldiers. Nothing is so merciless as civil war, and for them this was a kind of civil war. We must also remember that we hanged William Joyce.

Yours faithfully,
MASHA WILLIAMS,
1 Morland Close,
Hampstead Way, NW11.

From Mrs Katerina Porter

Sir, Your leader of February 20 seems to attribute responsibility for indiscriminate return of Soviet citizens to the USSR at the end of the war to Foreign Office officials. They, as you say, can speak for themselves. Personally I find it hard to believe that newspapers had no inkling then of what was going on.

I should like to remind your readers that at that time the whole trend of opinion, from Sir Anthony Eden down, was in favour of propitiating Stalin, in the guise of Uncle Joe. He was, after all, still our ally. Newspapers too, including *The Times*, as I think you would find if you looked into your files, backed this mood. My own father, with 18 years experience of Soviet Russia, left his newspaper in 1945 partly because its policy was not to publish adverse comment on the USSR.

Yours faithfully,
K. PORTER,
17 Redcliffe Road, SW10.
February 23.

Preserving churches

From Miss Margot E. Eates

Sir, Mr Milnes-Smith, in his comments (February 18) on Lord Esher's letter (February 10) is either greatly misinformed or slightly disingenuous when he suggests the Town and Country Planning Acts afford a greater measure of protection to listed buildings than does the Pastoral Measure, 1968 to listed churches under the control of the Church of England, since the exact opposite is true.

What are the facts? Between April 1, 1969 and December 31, 1977 the Church Commissioners issued 30 schemes providing for the demolition of listed churches, variously graded A, B and C in the supplementary lists. This represents 0.26 per cent of the total of some 11,500 listed Anglican churches. On the other hand, between January 1, 1969 and June 30, 1977 (the nearest comparable period for which figures are available) Listed Building Consent was granted for the demolition of 4,727 secular buildings, that is for about 1.95 per cent out of a total of more than 251,000.

This striking contrast should demonstrate even to the most ardent conservationist that it would be impossible to make out a convincing case for the transfer of control from the ecclesiastical to the secular arm, and the reason for this is not far to seek.

No Anglican church in England can be declared redundant until it has been examined and reported on in great detail by the experts of the Council for Places of Worship. And if, following extensive consultations, it is finally declared redundant, its architectural and historic merits have to be considered at least once and usually twice by the Advisory Board for redundant churches, an independent body consisting of many of the most eminent specialist authorities in the country, before the Church Commissioners may decide to issue a scheme for preservation by the Redundant Churches Fund "in the interests of the Nation and the Church of England", for suitable alternative use or, in the last resort, for demolition.

One can only wish that a similarly rigorous control could be exercised over the secular buildings and that a national buildings fund existed to take over all those fine town halls, railway stations and mansions for which no suitable use can be found.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
MARGOT E. EATES,
Secretary to the Advisory Board for Redundant Churches,
Fielden House,
Little College Street,
Westminster, SW1,
February 21.

Assessing Dornford Yates

From Mr John Goldsmith

Sir, May I put in a word of defence for Dornford Yates with reference to Joan Bakewell's excellent review (March 2) of the BBC's dramatization of *She Fell Among Thieves*. Miss Bakewell quite rightly comments that the film was all about lavish sets, glistening Rolls-Royces and gorgeous costumes and not about plot. "We of the post Bond era simply cannot swallow the inept craftsmanship of Yates's story", she says.

But it wasn't Yates's story. In all the important mechanics of the plot—and I agree they are important—the script bore only the faintest resemblance to the original. To cite but one example; in the first two or three minutes of the film version the dark secret of the villainess is revealed, the gaff is blown. In Yates's story, the heroes (and the reader) have to uncarth the truth for themselves thus giving some credibility to their actions.

One can criticize Dornford Yates for his dreadful snobbery, his weird pedantry and his dotty prejudices but in the matter of plots he was a master—logical, inventive and full of surprises. How else could he still command a readership today? That he does so is borne out by the fact that the second hand value of his books has risen from sixpence to £2.50 in the past five years and that copies are now extremely difficult to obtain.

If the BBC had stuck more closely to the original, *She Fell Among Thieves* would have been not only comprehensible but exciting too in the tradition of the thundering good yarn.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN GOLDSMITH,
17A Hampstead Lane,
Highgate, N6.
March 2.

Manpower needs of agriculture

From Mr David Green

Sir, Given present food prices one cannot question Professor Britton's assertion (letter, March 2) that agriculture will not support any more people on the land unless they are prepared for a standard of living materially lower than that of the rest of the population. The real issue, however, is whether present agricultural economics can continue.

Measured in production per man hour our farms show very high yields. Measured in output per acre and per £1 of capital employed, however, far less favourable comparisons exist against the achievements of countries with far greater labour intensification, and output per unit of energy invested is derisory. Quite simply we have substituted energy for manpower without materially improving the other equations.

Confronted by a future involving a shortage of all resources—and energy resources in particular—we may have no choice but to re-intensify labour on our farms if we are to have the food we need. While it is unlikely that we shall have to pursue this to the extreme that has been an essential prerequisite of rescuing China from famine, more manpower on the land is the only way to raise acreage yields from those typical of British open field farming towards those of the market garden or, for that matter, the suburban vegetable garden. Moreover there are material economies to be won in sustaining a far larger population at the point of production and avoiding—if only for them—the massive expenditures currently incurred in handling, transporting, processing and distributing food.

Our present agricultural fabric—and Professor Britton's argument—only holds water if one assumes the indefinite continuation of present supplies of crude energy in forms as flexible as oil; and of fertilizers, feeding stuffs, pesticides, weedkillers, plant and machinery which all have a vast energy component. Those who make that assumption would do well to study the paper of Sir Kenneth Blaxter of the Rowett Research Institute published in the *Farmers Weekly* of January 20 to which you also have referred.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID GREEN,
Rhyd yr Harding,
Castle Morris,
Near Haverfordwest.

Rugby football penalties

From Mr Peter Knapp

Sir, I find Lord Wakefield's "simple and easy" solution (February 23) to the unfairness of penalty-kicking laws in rugby football unacceptable. The idea of giving the opposing team three points simply because a player in the heat of the moment puts the ball in askew or gets himself off-side is a strange one. The team profiting thereby might well have been battling to defend their goal-line for most of the match.

Surely the solution is to have, as in soccer, a system of direct and indirect free kicks. For the more serious offences a direct kick at goal would be allowed, whereas for the less serious ones the team would be permitted only to make touch or begin a movement from a tap penalty, always a welcome sight.

Yours faithfully,
PETER KNAPP,
52 Randolph Avenue, W9.

Fleeing Australia

From Mr Michael Smith

Sir, At last the tip of the iceberg is appearing; your report today (March 1) of the gallant Mr Bruce Page fleeing the Menzies era. Much has yet to be written on this subject. I myself recall clearly, in the early sixties, seeing many such as Mr Page, intrepid in the cause of freedom, with families and friends hiring fishing boats, unseaworthy coasters, whatever could be found, to make their escape from the Menzies tyranny.

Most of the poor devils, by that time starving and hopelessly lost, were intercepted and sunk by Vietnamese patrol boats; but these, the original "boat people", frequently survived and having reassembled, mainly in West London, now form the nucleus of a freedom movement which lives on, forever a concern to the brutal Malcolm Fraser and his gang.

Advance Australia Fair and Free.

Yours,
MICHAEL SMITH,
Synge Street, Dublin 8.

A wife's worth

From Mr R. D. Clarke

Sir, To service a loan to acquire a wife of Mrs Smith's worth (letter, March 1) would cost (at average bank lending rates) about £17,000 which in turn would necessitate a gross income somewhere in the region of £60,000. One assumes that any increase in the wife's weight would attract capital gains tax at 30 per cent and should she change husbands someone would have to pay capital transfer tax at 60 per cent.

What price a wife?

Yours faithfully,
R. D. CLARKE,
Stokescroft,
Cossack Square, Nailsworth,
Gloucestershire.

From the Rev Bernard T. Croft

Sir, I have been holding back, expecting to see any morning that someone had recalled the virtuous woman ("Good wife", Revised Standard Version; "capable wife", New English Bible; "perfect wife", Jerusalem Bible) in the final chapter of Proverbs. "Her price is far above rubies" ("more precious than jewels", "worth far beyond coral", "far beyond the price of pearls", respectively in the other versions) and she, moreover, one who found plenty to do at home without going out to work.

Yours faithfully,
BERNARD T. CROFT,
3b Minster Court, York.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 3: Mr Justice Comyn had the honour of being received by The Queen upon his appointment as a Justice of the High Court of Justice when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood.

Mr Justice Waterhouse had the honour of being received by The Queen upon his appointment as a Justice of the High Court of Justice when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood.

The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Glasgow in the Royal Train this morning and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Glasgow (Mr David Hodge, the Right Hon the Lord Provost).

His Royal Highness visited the Centre for Rheumatic Diseases, the Scottish Caravan, Boat and Camping Show at Kelvin Hall and the Cleveland Street offices of the Scottish Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders.

This afternoon, His Royal Highness, Patron and Trustee, attended a Reception at the Palace of Holyroodhouse for young people who have reached the Gold Standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

His Royal Highness later left Turnhouse Airport in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight for Heathrow Airport, London.

Lord Rupert Nevill was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales, President of the International Council of United World Colleges, today received Sir Ian Gourlay at Buckingham Palace.

By command of The Queen, the Lord Oram (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning upon the departure of The King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and bade farewell to His Majesty on behalf of Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 3: Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester this morning opened the Church Army's Mathiesen Centre, Milton Keynes.

In the afternoon Her Royal Highness opened the Northampton Association's YMCA Activity Centre.

Her Royal Highness travelled in an Aircraft of the Queen's Flight.

Miss Jean Maxwell-Scott was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
March 3: The Duchess of Kent today visited St Dunstan's at Brighton and Ovingdean.

Miss Jane Pugh was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Sir Arthur Bryan, 55; Miss Joan Greenwood, 57; Sir Geoffrey Jackson, 63; Sir Ralph Millais, 73; Mr Patrick Moore, 55; Colonel Sir John Carew Pole, 76; Mr Alan Sillitoe, 50; Dame Albertine Winner, 71.

TOMORROW: Lord Justice Cairns, 76; the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, 51; Sir Frank Figgures, 68; Mr Rex Harrison, 70; Archbishop Bruno Heim, 67; Lord Kilmany, 73; Major-General Sir Denzil Macarthur-Onslow, 74; Sir John Marshall, 66; Mr Barry Tuckwell, 47; Vice-Admiral Sir Peveril William Powlett, 80.

Leaving the market place to regain strength in the desert

When the Dark Ages began, Chesterton suggests in his Life of St Francis, the spiritual leaders of the church went "into the desert where they could find no flowers or even into the caves where they could see no stars". In what direction is the church-on-the-move going in the increasing darkness of today? Not into the desert, it seems, but as far away from it as possible. The church's caravan seems bent on going where caravans always go—into the market place.

Cardinal Hume in his recent book *Searching for God* uses the terms "desert" and "market place" to discuss some of the tensions of the monastic life. But they can also throw light on the tensions of the church as a whole or of its practising members. What lies behind this present trend?

To find out, we should look at the framework of accepted ideas current in the universities at the time when today's leaders of church opinion (perhaps a less controversial phrase than the word bishops!) were undergraduates. For it was just before and just after the Second World War that the cult of togetherness began to grow in momentum and influence among intellectuals; what we are seeing now are its effects.

Those were the days when employers were urged to eat in the same canteen as their men (to the embarrassment of the latter) and even to live in their midst—perhaps echoing Macaulay's belief that "the common people love to see the great unbend". Salvation, it seemed, lay in merging one's personal aims with those of the group. Group-cohesiveness was a virtue; to be labelled group disruptive or an isolate was a sign of failure.

As might be expected, some traces of this appear in the new liturgies, especially in the directions to the congregation in Series 2 and 3, and those sometimes unfortunate efforts to make them act in a matey manner however little they feel like doing so—prompting older or more conservative parishioners to hide behind pillars or sit in a back pew. At their worst the new rites can approximate to a game of "o'Grady says", with one half of the congregation on their knees and the other standing up. Meanwhile those who prefer to live in the desert are forced to join the caravans leading away from it, or retire altogether into the wilderness.

Perhaps there was too much emphasis on personal religion in the past. But have we now gone too far in the other direction? Is it time to swing back from togetherness? Time to return to the desert before setting out again for the market place? The church's mission may be to the market place; but it is in the desert that we regain our strength and a new vision of glory.

It is, ironically, in the new liturgies that we can see some hopeful signs. Cardinal Hume has suggested that the present fashion for transcendental meditation may be "a reaction to over-verbalized forms of prayer and corresponds to the need for silence and wholeness within". We need silence in "this transitory life", and the new liturgies at least provide it.

But perhaps the greatest danger in the cult of togetherness is that it can all too often produce little more than a cosy conformity—"the bland leading the bland". John the Baptist was a lone voice crying in the wilderness, and his message was not a comfortable one.

In his fine book on St Francis's spirituality, Dr John Moorman reminds us that although he was a much-loved figure, St Francis was, in fact, a very terrifying person: he took Our Lord's teaching literally. Perhaps, then, what we need today is not so much fellowship as to be frightened; fewer of the "easy speeches which comfort cruel men", and rather more plain speaking.

A really dynamic faith does not tamely follow the spirit of the age; it deflects, dams and deepens it. Once it weakens and succumbs—softening as Ronald Knox put it, "I believe" to "one does feel", it looses its hold. Then is the time to return to the desert and the cave to refresh and renew our faith and our vision. Perhaps as we struggle along and alone in the darkness, we may yet live to see another new dawn. As Chesterton put it:

While it was yet twilight a figure appeared silently and suddenly on a little hill above the city, dark against the fading darkness. For it was the end of a long and stern night, a night of vigil, not unvisited by stars. He stood with his hands lifted, as in so many statues and pictures, and about him was a burst of birds singing; and behind him was the break of day.

Martin Higham
Crayke Castle, York

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. C. George and Miss S. D. Driggers
The engagement is announced between Ronald, third son of Mr and Mrs C. H. George, of 22 Down Street, London, W1, and Sheron, daughter of Mr C. H. L. Driggers, of Manhattan, Kansas, United States, and of Mrs R. L. Polston, of Laurinburg, North Carolina, United States.

Mr J. H. Le Vay and Miss J. L. M. Turner
The engagement is announced between John, son of Dr and Mrs Harold Le Vay, of Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, and Jane, daughter of the late Mr Peter Turner and of Mrs Turner, of Lymington, Hampshire.

Sandhurst commissions

The following officers have successfully completed the regular career course at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and now join the regiments or corps shown against their names

A. R. Ball, RE; C. S. R. Barbour, RA; M. Barker, REME; C. H. G. Boulf, RCT; S. C. D. Baynham, DERR; P. D. Boorling, RAOC; G. N. Booth, RA; CN. Burtenshaw, R Signals; D. E. Bush, RA; F. B. Campbell, R Signals; D. A. Cargin, RS; J. T. Cherry, OLR; R. C. L. Clifford, 4/7 DG; C. G. Coldrey, 5 Innis DG; RE; S. J. Dowson, Green Howards; Dean, Int Corps; G. C. W. Dodds, M. R. Complin, R Signals; C. L. N. Dfansfield, RAPC; J. A. Duncan, RA; P. H. M. Dymoke, WG; P. W. Emery, R Hamps; E. C. Feldmanis, REME; C. J. R. K. Findlater, King's Own Border; R. L. M. Firth, 4/7 DG.

R. L. Hall, Glosters; R. B. Harward, RRF; G. A. Hazlewood, RAOC; J. C. Hibbert, Para; J. R. M. Hogg, AAC; I. M. Hurley, RCT; D. C. Inshaw, RAOC; D. G. Jones, RE; N. J. E. Jones, REME; J. A. C. Kilburn, DWR; P. King, R Signals; C. A. Knightley, RA; D. W. Larkham, R Signals; M. R. H. Liddicoat, RA; M. Lithgow, R Signals; R. W. McKinnell, BW; N. D. Morrison, RCT; C. A. Newell, Queen's; M. N. Oates, RCT; I. A. Orr, KOSB; R. G. T. Oyler, Scots DG; I. J. Paske, LG; A. D. Phythian, King's.

R. A. H. Riall, RA; I. Rosenvinge, RE; M. A. Rough, R Signals; S. J. Russell, RMP; J. W. Rutter, RA; J. R. Scott-Bowden, WG; M. P. Shapland, RTR; P. J. Shaw, RE; P. Smith, RE; S. T. Sowray, REME; P. W. E. Springman, 17/21L; J. A. Starling, RPC; R. J. Stovell, RA; I. J. Sturges, RAOC; S. G. Tenison, RE; G. M. Thomas, Cheshire; J. R. Thompson, BW; M. N. S. Urquart, King's Own Border; M. J. Varley, RCT; R. N. H. A. de Vine Wade, A and SH; J. D. Walker, REME; P. Waugh, REME; A. L. Welch, RRF; D. J. Whitby, R Signals; P. D. H. White, RE; J. F. G. Wilberforce, RAOC; P. G. F. Wilkin, R Signals; A. S. Wilson, REME; D. L. Wise, R Signals; K. T. Young, REME.



Victoria Keefe, aged four, of Basingstoke, with her portrait of the Queen at the private view yesterday of the Children's Royal Academy at Guildhall Art Gallery, London.

Revival in market for modern British art

By Huon Mallalieu

The market in modern British paintings seemed to have faded away after the boom seasons of 1973 and 1974, but in a two-day sale at Christie's yesterday and on Thursday prices were often two or three times above the pre-sale estimates, and the auction records for many artists were trounced.

The total for the two sessions was £299,265, with only 5 per cent failing to sell.

The Camden Town School was highly popular, and 76 lots, including the two most expensive, came from the collection of the late Edward Le Bas, RA. Agnew paid £18,000 for "Portrait in Profile: Mary L." by Harold Gilman (estimate £6,000 to £9,000), which was painted in 1914, and Robert Bevan's "Hay Carts, Cumberland Market" went to an anonymous buyer for £17,000, equalling the record set by his "Cab Yard" in 1974 (estimate £7,000 to £10,000).

A particularly impressive advance in price was £16,000 paid for the charming "The Little Flowers of the Field" by Sir George Clausen. Previously the highest price for a work by him was £3,800, paid at Sotheby's Belgravia in March, 1976, and the estimate was a mere £2,000 to £3,800.

Another surprise was the popularity of Sir Stanley Spencer's "Promenade of Women", a long, thin frieze of rather diabolic women in a Cookham street, which went to D'Offay, the London dealer, for £13,000 (estimate £8,000 to £12,000).

A view on Lake Lugano, painted in September, 1945, by Sir Winston Churchill, but not perhaps showing the artist at his best, made £10,500 (estimate £7,000 to £10,000), and a striking study for Sargent's portrait of the actor Walford Graham Robertson, now in the Tate Gallery, went to Leggatt for £10,000 (estimate £7,000 to £10,000).

Sotheby's held a successful sale of French furniture yesterday, which produced a total of £294,680 with 4.7 per cent bought in. The most important, and expensive, lot was a Louis XV-Louis XVI transitional tulipwood marquetry commode by Pierre Antoine Foullet, which went to an anonymous buyer at £17,000 (estimate £10,000 to £15,000).

A Louis XV ormolu-mounted black lacquer commode of serpentine shape went to the London dealer, A. Congreve, at £15,000 (estimate £12,000 to £18,000), and the same buyer paid £13,000 for a pair of Louis XV black lacquer *encoigneures* by Jacques Dubois (estimate £6,000 to £12,000).

A Swiss private buyer paid £13,500 for an elaborate pair of late-seventeenth-century German or French giltwood mirrors (estimate £4,000 to £7,000).

In a sale of models and scientific instruments at Sotheby's Belgravia, which made £56,430 with 14 per cent unsold, a Newtonian reflecting telescope by Sir William Herschel (1738-1822), the discoverer of the planet Uranus, was sold to Asprey for £6,200 (estimate £3,000 to £5,000). The Science Museum paid £18 for an Ever-Ready electric light of about 1900 (estimate £20 to £30).

At Hodgson's Rooms in Chancery Lane, Sotheby's completed a three-day sale of children's books and juvenilia, which made a combined total of £39,998. The most notable lot was a large watercolour by Edmund Dulac of Morgiana pouring boiling oil on the forty thieves, which was used as an illustration to *Stories from the Arabian Nights*, published in 1907, and which made £1,450.

On Wednesday and Thursday in New York Sotheby Parke Bernet held a sale of objects of vertu, watches and English and Continental silver, which brought a total of $817,380, or £421,329. A New York dealer paid $17,000 or £8,718, for a Swiss gold and enamel singing bird box of about 1840, and a Swiss dealer $13,000, or £6,667, for a gold, enamel and diamond openface watch made in London by William Anthony about 1790.

That was also the price of a George III oval silver-gilt, two-handled tea tray, formerly in the possession of the Dukes of York and Cumberland.

University news

Bristol
Grants
From Science Research Council: £63,000 to Professor D. H. Everett, Professor R. H. Ottewill and Dr D. W. Thompson for electron microscope investigations in physical chemistry; £27,010 to R. J. Phillips for an investigation on computer-aided design of aspects of services and building layouts; £25,900 to Professor L. F. Crabtree for an investigation on turbulent boundary layer separation in two and three dimensions; £15,750 to Dr R. V. Barrett and Dr A. Simpson for an investigation on tyre runway dynamic interaction under conditions of varying friction.
From Natural Environment Research Council: £16,495 to Professor G. Eglinton for an investigation on origin and fate of zooplankton faecal lipids; £15,176 to Professor J. F. Nye for an investigation on frost cracking in rocks.
£46,570 from Medical Research Council to Dr W. A. Blyth for an investigation on control of latent infections caused by herpes simplex virus.
£23,163 from Ministry of Overseas Development to Dr A. M. Jordan for an investigation on nutritional requirements of Glossina.
£15,491 from the Wellcome Trust to Dr B. M. Q. Weaver for an investigation on the uptake and distribution of inhalational anaesthetic agents in large animals.

Wales
Scholarships
Evan Morgan Scholarships to the value of £215 each have been awarded by the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, to the following:
D. M. Bullock, Cyfarthfa HS, Merthyr Tydfil; R. E. Dafydd, Ysgol Gyfun Rhydfelen, Pontypridd; H. Davies, Ysgol Dyffryn Conwy, Llanrwst; T. H. Harvey and R. Lewis, Ysgol Gyfun Rhydfelen, Pontypridd; J. T. Owen, Ysgol David Hughes, Menai Bridge; D. G. B. Rhys, Ysgol Dyffryn Ogwen, Bethesda; C. Richards, Gwendraeth GS; M. C. Thomas, Ysgol Gyfun Rhydfelen, Pontypridd.

Reading
Grants
Agricultural Research Council: £18,563 for work on hormonal induction of differentiation in mammary gland of rabbit.
Tropical Products Institute: £15,028 for research into rabbit meat production in developing countries.
UK Atomic Energy Authority (Harwell): £18,578 for assessment of potential of UK agriculture for producing plant material for use as energy source.
Science Research Council: £17,340 for work on microscopic particle models in semiconductor device analysis.
UKAEA (Culham): £24,800 for work on the numerical solution of MHD equation.

Open
Dr Ian Dey, MSc, PhD (Manc), deputy regional director of the university's north regional office in Newcastle upon Tyne, has been appointed director of the London regional office, in succession to Dr Kenneth Urwin, who retires in October.

Services tomorrow
Fourth Sunday in Lent

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: HC, 8; M, 10.30, Canon L. John Collins, TD (Naylor); HC, 11.30, Missa brevis (Walton), Int, Jesu, that dost in Mary dwell (Rorem); Evensong, 3.15, Rev D. Mossman, Mag and ND Collegium Regale (Wood in F), A, Jesus Christ the apple tree (Elizabeth Poston).

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: HC, 8; M, 10.30 (Gibbons, short), Like as the hart (Howells), Mr G. C. Darton; HC (said), 11.40; Evensong, 3 (Rubbra in A flat), The Lord is my shepherd (Stanford), Canon J. A. Baker; Organ recital, 6.5; E, 6.30, Rev D. L. Edwards.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: Eucharist, 11, Missa Sancti Nicolai (Haydn), A, Jesu dulcis memoria (Victoria), the Provost; Evensong, 3.30 (Stanford in C), A, Te lucis ante terminum (Gardiner), Canon Gerald Parrott.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: HC, 8.30 and 11.15, 1 Sacerdotes Domini (Byrd), Canon E. Saxon.

THE QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY (public welcomed): Sung Eucharist, 11.15 (Ireland in C), Canon Edwyn Young.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; Parish Communion, 11, Rev R. Garrard.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks: HC 8 and noon, M, 11, Rev J. M. Cathcart.

GRAY'S INN CHAPEL (public welcomed): 11.15, HC, 8.30.

LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL, public invited (entry via Lincoln's Inn Fields gateway): M, 11.30, Canon R. Tydeman, A, Adoramus te, Christe (Lassus).

HM TOWER OF LONDON: HC, 9.15, M, 11 (Ireland in C), A, Give ear, O Lord (Weelkes), Rev B. Watson.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; MP, 11.15, A, O Lord, look down from heaven (Battishill), the Master.

ROYAL HOSPITAL, Chelsea (public admitted): HC, 8.30 and noon; Parade Service, 11, A, Ploraps, ploratil (Carreri), Rev E. W. Evans.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church), public welcomed: HC, 8.30; Sung Eucharist, 11 (Byrd Mass for 4 voices), Ave verum corpus (Mozart), and E, 3.30 (Weelkes, short), The Lord is my shepherd (Stanford), Resident Chaplain.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace (public welcomed): Sung Eucharist, 11 (Darke), Mot (Wagner); E, 3.30 (Walmisley), A (Aston).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: Sung Eucharist, 11, Rev M. Forrer.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: HC, 8.15; Sung Eucharist, 11, Rev J. B. Gaskell, Missa Aeterna Christi munera (Palestrina), Salvator mundi (Blow).

HOLY SEPULCHRE, Holborn Viaduct: Sung Eucharist, 9.15, Canon R. Tydeman.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road: HC, 8 and 12.15; HC (Sung), 9, Lord Maitland; M, 11, Rev C. Mainham; E, 6.30, Rev P. Crooks.

ST ALBAN'S, Holborn: LM, 8 and 5.30 pm; SM, 9.30; HM, 11 (Malcolm in D flat), For he shall give his angels charge over thee (Mendelssohn), Rev C. Bedford.

ST BARTHOLOMEW-THE-GREAT PRIORY (AD 1123): HC, 9; M (said), 10.15; Choral Eucharist, 11, and E, 6.30, the Rector.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street: HC, 8.30; Choral M and Eucharist, Rev N. Cryer, Ben (Sumsion in B flat); Choral E, 6.30, Prebendary Dewi Morgan, Mag and ND (Walmisley in D minor), A, The Lord is my shepherd (Stanford).

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square: HC, 8.15; Sung Eucharist, 11, Rev W. M. Atkins, (Ley in E minor), Mot, Crucifixus (Lotti).

ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High Street (near Centre Point): HC, 8, 12 and 7.30 pm; MP, 11, Rev G. C. Taylor; E, 6.30, Rev A. W. D. Bayley.

ST JAMES, Garlick Hill (City): HC 10.30, Prebendary D. Mossman.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly: HC, 8.15; Eucharist, 9.15, Rev J. L. W. Robinson; Sung Eucharist, 11, Darke in E), Rev D. Barton; E, 6, Rev W. P. Baddeley.

ST MARGARET'S Westminster: Mill, Ben, (Stanford in B flat), A, The Lord is my shepherd (Stanford); HC 12.15, Canon David L. Edwards.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: Family Communion, 9.45, Mr N. Ingram-Smith; M, 11.15, Rev A. Couch, E, 6.30, Rev C. Walker.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington: HC, 8 and 12.30; Sung Eucharist, 9.30, and M, 11.15, Rev J. L. Robson, The Lord is my shepherd (Schubert); E, 6.30, Rev A. F. Davis, Ave Maria (Victoria).

ST MARYLEBONE PARISH CHURCH: HC, 8 and 11, Rev P. Harding (Schubert in C), Ave verum corpus (Elgar); E, 6.30.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge: HC, 8 and 9; Solemn Eucharist 11 (Darke in E), Father Sidebottom.

ST PAUL'S, Bedford Street, Covent Garden: SE, 11.30, Rev J. Arrowsmith, Arne bicentenary.

ST PAUL'S, Robert Adam Street: M, 11 and 6.30, Bishop Goodwin Hudson.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square: LM, 8.15 and 10; SM, 11 (Leighton in D), Lord, let me know mine end (Greene), Father Tilyer.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Chelsea: HC, 8 and 12.15; MP, 11; E, 6.30, Rev O. R. Clarke.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road: LM, 8 and 9; HM, 11, Missa brevissima (Gasciolini), Rev D. Priest; E and B, 6, Rev H. Moore.

ST VEDAST, Foster Lane: SM, 11, Canon (French-Beytagh), Reginae pacis (Peeters); Mot, O mysterium ineffabile (Couperin).

ST COLUMBA'S (Church of Scotland), Pont Street: 11 and 6.30, Rev Dr J. Fraser McLuskey.

CROWN COURT CHURCH (Church of Scotland), Russell Street, Covent Garden: HC, 11.15, Rev J. Miller Scott; HC, 6.30, Rev F. Preston.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: Mass, 7, 8, 9, noon, 5.30 and 7 pm; SM, 10.30, Mass for five voices (Byrd), Rejoice in the Lord (Purcell), Perceantur (Palestrina); V and B, 3.30.

THE ORATORY, SW7: SM, 11 Messe basse (Fauré); V and B, 3.30, Mot, O Jesu salvator (Alberti).

ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street: SM, 11 (Latin), Missa brevis (Berkeley).

ST PATRICK'S, Soho Square: SM, 6 pm, Missa in D (Caldara), O Jesu salvator (Alberti).

ESSEX UNITARIAN CHURCH: 11 am, welcomes both theists and humanists, 112 Palace Gardens Terrace, Kensington.

THE JESUIT CHURCH, Farm Street: Mass, 7.30, 8.30, 10, 11 (Sung Latin), 4.15 and 6.15; Noon, Father J. Christie, Death in the midst of life.

REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (United Reformed), Tavistock Place: 11 and 6.30, Dr Daniel Jenkins.

CENTRAL HALL, Westminster: 11 and 6.30, Dr M. Barnett.

KINGSWAY HALL (West London Mission): 11 and 6.30, Rev Lord Soper.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn Viaduct: 11 and 6.30, Rev Dr Robert Norris.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate: 11 and 6.30, Rev Dr R. T. Kendall.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, meeting at St Martin's, Ludgate Hill: HC, 11, Rev N. Allen Birtwhistle.

OBITUARY

REV L. H. BROCKINGTON
Work for New English Bible

The Rev Leonard Herbert Brockington, the Hebrew scholar who was closely concerned with the preparation of the *New English Bible* died on February 23. He was the third son, born in   of W. B. Brockington, of Aston, Birmingham.

He was educated at Bishop Vesey's Grammar School at Sutton Coldfield and on leaving school spent four years in laboratory work on non-ferrous metals. He was then accepted as a candidate for the Baptist ministry and went to Regent's Park College, graduating BD of London University in 1929; thence he proceeded to Oxford (to which Regent's Park College was transferred about that time) to read Oriental Studies (Hebrew and Aramaic with Syriac), in which he was placed in the Second Class in 1932, and he then took the degree of BD with Honours in the same subjects at London in 1935.

Meanwhile, at Oxford he had been awarded the Pusey and Ellerton Hebrew Scholarship (1931), the Kennicott Hebrew Scholarship (1932), the Houghton Syriac Prize (1934) and the Hall-Houghton Senior Prize for the Septuagint (1935). Thus qualified, he was appointed Tutor in Hebrew and the Old Testament at Regent's Park College (1932-48), becoming also Lecturer and subsequently Senior Lecturer in Aramaic and Syriac and concurrently Hebrew Lecturer in the University (1940) and adding soon afterwards also the Hebrew Lecturership at Exeter College (1945). From 1949-52 he was Grinfield Lecturer on the Septuagint and in 1953 he became a member of the panel translating the Old Testament for the *New English Bible*.

Apart from articles and reviews, Brockington published only a *Critical Introduction to the Apocrypha* (1961) and a lecture on *of Mediation between God and Man in the Apocrypha*; he also revised G. F. [...] *Literature of the Old* [...]ment (1948) and H. W. [...] son's *Religious Ideas of the* [...] *Testament* (1956) as well [...] H. Robinson's *Syriac Gram*[...] (1962).

His interests lay not [...] original research but [...] service of others, notably [...] devotion to his church and [...] pupils. Possibly however [...] work in which he really [...] himself lay in the *New* [...] *Bible*, to which he gave [...] self without stint. The [...] meticulous accuracy and [...] ful attention to detail were [...] valuable; he checked [...] page before and after [...] collated and standardized [...] divergent translations, and [...] also undertook responsibility [...] for the notes and prep[...] them for publication in a [...] jected handbook designed [...] help Hebrew students in [...] the *New English Bible*. [...] addition to all this, he [...] time to prepare drafts [...] tions of several of the [...] books of the Old Testament [...] Throughout those [...] which involved the [...] attendance at countless [...] ings, all of several days [...] tion and spread over [...] years, he was unfailingly [...] courteous and considerate [...] however hard pressed he [...] self was or however trying [...] colleagues might be.

It is hardly too much to [...] that the translation of the [...] Testament in the *New En*[...] *Bible* owes much of such [...] as it may have to his [...] effacing labours. He [...] little for exercise but [...] such recreation as he [...] in gardening and listening [...] music, which he [...] enjoyed.

In 1939 he married Flo[...] Edith, daughter of A [...] Woodward, who bore him [...] sons and two daughters.

MASTER A. S. DIAMOND

Master A. S. Diamond, MM, a Master of the Supreme Court, Queen's Bench Division 1952-69, died on March 1 at the age of 80.

Arthur Sigismund Diamond was born in Leeds in 1897, the son of the Rev Solomon Diamond. He received his early education at Leeds Grammar School and after serving in the Army during the 1914-18 War in which he won a Military Medal, proceeded to Trinity College, Cambridge. He was called to the Bar by Gray's Inn in 1921 and thereafter practised in London on the Common Law side. The range of his intellectual interests was considerable; in addition to being a sound practical lawyer, he was a competent musician and a keen anthropologist. The latter interest found expression in his *Primitive Law* (1935) and *The Evolution of Law and Order* (1951). In addition he wrote a standard textbook on *The Law of Master and Servant* (1st edition 1932) and was one of [...] editors of *The Annual Pra*[...] His later publications were [...] *History and Origin of Lang*[...] and *Primitive Law, Past* [...] *Present*.

In 1952 Diamond [...] appointed by the Master of [...] Rolls (Sir Raymond Eve[...]) to be a Master of the Sup[...] Court. It was an entirely [...] cessful appointment, for [...] mond brought to the office [...] only a wealth of practical [...] perience but great tenacity [...] purpose and a strong sense [...] principle. At one time he [...] chairman of the Law and [...] liamentary Committee of [...] Board of Deputies of B[...] Jews and later took an a[...] part in the work of the [...] cil of the Anglo-Jewish [...] ciation.

Diamond married [...] Gladys, daughter of Ed[...] Lumbrozo Mocatta, by who[...] had one son and two daug[...] She died in 1946, and in [...] he married her sister Dr [...] Mocatta.

MR CLAUDE LOOMBE

R. B. S. writes:

Mr Claude Loombe, CMG, who died suddenly on February 12 while on holiday in Portugal, should be remembered for having in some senses pioneered good relations between the City and the Arab world. Starting his career in the Chartered Bank, he was posted by the Reserve Bank of India during the latter half of the war to control the foreign exchange of Iran.

After the war he joined the Bank of England and it was as the Bank's Middle Eastern specialist that, over the ensuing 20 years, he built up a series of close relationships and friendships with Central Bankers and Finance Ministers. He was particularly well known and respected in Jordan and Ku[...] as a result of serving on [...] currency boards of these [...] countries.

After his retirement from [...] Bank of England he joined [...] board of the British Ban[...] the Middle East and soon [...] became its chairman, a [...] that he held until within a [...] three years of his death. [...] gave him the opportunity [...] renew old contacts, to keep [...] his knowledge of Arab c[...] tries, where his gift for fr[...] ship, his shrewd outlook and [...] modest bearing earned him [...] much regard and affection.

Many in the Middle East [...] well as his many friends in [...] country will mourn his d[...] and share the sorrow of [...] widow Zoë and her [...] daughters in their bereavement.

LIEUT-COL IAIN CORDEN-LLOYD

Lieut-Col Peter R. Duffell writes:

With the tragic death of Iain Corden-Lloyd, MC, in a helicopter crash in South Armagh the British Army has surely lost one of its most widely-admired and respected battalion commanders. He was a brave, resolute officer with a modern, intelligent professional approach to soldiering. He was a highly successful young company commander and a brilliant adjutant in thehard school of operational soldiering serving with the 10th PMO Gurkha Rifles in Malaya and Borneo before he was transferred to the Royal Greenjackets. He quickly established a good reputation with his new regiment. He was awarded the MC in 1972, also he was one of the youngest Lieutenant-colonels in the Army and he was appointed MA to the vice-chief of the general staff in 1975. All his well known intelligence, energy and dedication went into this demanding job and he was closely involved with the reorganization of the Army following the 1974 defence review. He was awarded the OBE in 1977.

Selection for command of the 2nd Royal Greenjackets followed. In all this his wife Jane gave strength and support. Now the cruellest of luck has ended it all, the Army has lost the finest of soldiers.

MR M. BALOPOUL[...]

Mr Michael Balopoulo[s] [...] former Greek colonel a[nd] [...] leading member of the mil[itary] [...] junta which ruled Greece [...] seven years until 1974, [...] in his prison cell on Marc[h] [...]

Mr Balopoulos, who was [...] was sentenced to life impri[son]ment in August, 1975, [...] charges of high treason [...] insurrection. He served [...] Secretary-General of the G[reek] [...] National Tourist Organisation [...] and later became U[nder] [...] Secretary of Trade. In [...] capacity he was involved [...] meat import scandal and [...] sentenced to four y[ears] [...] imprisonment by an Ai[r] [...] court martial in 1974.

LORD ARWYN

Lord Arwyn, who died [...] February 23 at the age of [...] was created a life peer in 1[...] He was a chartered mining [...] gineer and industrial consul[tant] [...] and director of companies [...] was formerly deputy chair[man] [...] of the Bath and Portland Gr[oup] [...]

The son of the Rev Wil[...] Davies, a Congregational m[inis]ter, he changed his name [...] deed poll from Davies to Ar[wyn] [...] in 1964. He was educated [...] Ystalyfera Grammar Sc[hool] [...] and Swansea Technical Col[lege] [...] and saw service in both w[orld] [...] wars being employed in [...] Army, the RAF and on spe[cial]ist duties. He was a for[mer] [...] member of the Mineral Deve[lop]ment Committee and the Cl[...] Clay Council.

He was twice married.

Major-General George Warren Richards, CB, CBE, DSO, MC, late Royal Tank Regiment, who had a distinguished career in armoured warfare in the Western Desert under Field-Marshal Montgomery, and was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for Monmouthshire in 1965, died on February 23 at the age of 79.

The Countess of Cork and Orrery, wife of the thirteenth Earl of Cork and Orrery, died on February 26. She was Dorothy Kate, daughter of R. Ramsden.

Lieut-Col Roland John V[...] who died on February 27 [...] the age of 81, was a Dep[uty] [...] Lieutenant for Hertfords[hire] [...] and a former county council[lor]. He was Chief Control Offi[cer] [...] CCG, 1946-53, and for m[any] [...] years was involved in pu[blic] [...] work in the Bishop's Stortf[ord] [...] area.

Mr Ronnie John Moffat, C[...] Director-General of Marke[ting] [...] NCB, 1955-58, died on Febru[ary] [...] 23 at the age of 86.

Service dinners

Royal Marines
The annual dinner of the Royal Marines Officers' Dinner Club was held in Lincoln's Inn yesterday. Major-General N. H. D. McGill presided and the guest was Admiral of the Fleet Sir Edward Ashmore.

Croydon Flotilla
The Croydon Flotilla of the Association of Reserve Officers of the Royal Navy held their annual dinner at the mess of the 151st (Greater London) Regiment (V), Training Centre, Sydenham Road, Croydon, last night. The principal guest was Captain D. T. L. Bairdow, R.N.R., Commanding Officer of the Sussex Division of the Royal Naval Reserve. Among the other guests were:
Sir John Lang, Rear-Admiral J. D. McLaughlan, Captain D. J. Cloke, elder Brother of Trinity House, Major C. Mearns and Lieutenant-Commander D. W. Bonney, RNVR, chairman of the London Flotilla.

The Essex Regiment TA
The annual dinner of the dining club of officers of the 4th and 5th Battalions, The Essex Regiment (TA) was held last night at the RAF Club, Piccadilly. Major-General M. W. Holme presided and the guests included Major-General J. Dye, Colonel of the Regiment, and Colonel A. I. S. Makin, TAVR, Colonel Eastern District (South).

Red Rose Club
The Manchester dinner of the Red Rose Club (The Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry) was held at the Midland Hotel, Manchester, last night. Colonel M. A. A. Birtwistle presided. The principal guest was Brigadier G. N. Powell, Deputy Commander North West District.

Cambridge University Air Squadron
Sir Alan Cottrell, Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University, and Air Marshal J. Gingell, Air Member for Personnel, were guests of honour at the annual dinner of the Cambridge University Air Squadron held at Selwyn College, Cambridge, last night. The commanding officer, Squadron Leader J. D. Kennendy, presided. During the evening Air Marshal Gingell presented the squadron with the Hack Trophy for being the best university air squadron for 1977. Other guests included:
Air Officer Commanding and Commandant of RAF College, Cranwell, Air Vice-Marshal D. Harcourt-Smith, Sir Arthur Marshall, Dr A. E. Sloman, vice-chancellor, Essex University, Dame Rosemary Murray, Sir Morien Morgan, Professor Sir Peter Swinnerton Dyer, Professor J. K. S. St. Joseph, Dr S. C. Aston, Commander H. D. Burge, Mr R. N. Barlow-Poole, Air Commodore C. M. Wight-Boycott, Group Captains R. Hollingworth, J. F. Woodward and P. B. MacCorkindale and Lieutenant-Colonel C. B. Pritchett.

Marriage

Mr J. H. James and Mrs M. C. Brogan
The marriage took place quietly in London yesterday between Mr John H. James and Mrs Mary C. Brogan.

Latest wills

Mrs Minnie Bathurst Wood, of Tunbridge Wells, left £104,411 net. After charitable and personal bequests she left the residue equally between St Dunstan's and the Star and Garter Home, Richmond.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid; tax not disclosed):
Bicket, Brigadier-General William Neilson, of Westminster £407,779
Burrows, Mr Eric John, of Blakeney £175,029
Genders, Mr Alfred Thomas, of Pinner, Middlesex .. £141,614
Wood, Mr George Cecil, of Blackheath, London, Registrar of Goldsmith's College, London £110,845
Hawkins, Mr Ronald Oliver William, of Richmond, London, surveyor £166,291
Wallwin, Mr George, of Barnstone, Nottinghamshire, farmer £163,628

25 years ago

From The Times of Tuesday, March 3, 1953

From Our Own Correspondent
Berlin, March 2.—The bombed sites round the central registration offices in the Cuno-Fischerstrasse were thronged with refugees today as the largest number ever recorded since the beginning of the exodus from the east came to seek asylum in west Berlin. The offices remained open on Sunday in expectation of this situation, and by tonight more than 5,000 people had filed through them in 48 hours—twice as many as last weekend. These people, like those who came before them, have lost practically everything. The most they succeeded in bringing away were a couple of suitcases or light hand luggage, but many smiled and seemed happy to have found freedom, no mere catchword for them. They queued patiently outside the building, waiting first for their turn to be registered and afterwards to be taken by bus to one of the 85 camps where they have to remain, sometimes for several weeks, before being flown to western Germany.

Luncheons

Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Mr J. A. L. Morgan, counsellor, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, was host yesterday at a luncheon held at Brown's Hotel in honour of Mr Joe Ford on the occasion of his retirement as Director of the Great Britain/China Centre.

British Council
Sir John Llewellyn, director-general, British Council, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 10 Spring Gardens in honour of Professor Syed Ali Ahsan, Presidential Adviser on Education, Bangladesh. The Deputy High Commissioner for Bangladesh was among those present.

Dinners

Old Mancunians' Association
The annual dinner of the London section of the Old Mancunians' Association was held at the Arts Club last night under the chairmanship of Professor M. Sandler. The chief guests and speakers were Mr Peter G. Mason, the High Master of Manchester Grammar School, and Lord Wigoder, QC.

Institute of Trade Mark Agents
The annual dinner and dance of the Institute of Trade Mark Agents was held at the Europa Hotel yesterday evening. The president of the institute, Mr J. L. D. Oakley, was in the chair and the chief guest was Mr Jean-Pierre Warner, QC, Advocate-General of the European Court of Justice, Luxembourg. Other guests included Mr Justice Graham, Mr I. Davis and Mr E. Armitage.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mr A. E. Donald, Ambassador to the Republic of Zaire, to be additionally Ambassador (non-resident) to the ePople's Republic of the Congo in succession to Mr R. J. Stratton, who took up a further diplomatic service appointment in September.
Mr Robin Reeves, of the *Financial Times*, to be a member of the Welsh advisory committee of the Independent Broadcasting Authority.

Today's engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh attends one hundredth Rugby Football Union match between the Royal Navy and the Army, Twickenham, 2.50.
Antique fairs: Woodville Hall, Windmill Street, Gravesend, 10-4; The Maltings, Riverside, Ely, 10-5.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, exhibition: Rowlandson drawings from the Paul Mellon collection, 10-6.
Avoncroft Museum of Buildings, Stoke Heath, Bromsgrove: exhibition, "Shutting chain", 10.30-5.30; demonstration of chain-making by hand in the chain shop, 2-5.
Talks: Natural History Museum, South Kensington, "Birds and man", 3; British Museum, "Sir William Hamilton and his collection", 3.
Stampex, annual stamp fair, Royal Horticultural Society, New Hall, Vincent Square, 10-6.
Arnolfini, Narrow Quay, Bristol: Welsh National Opera symposium, "An introduction to Richard Strauss's *Elektra*", 2; two-piano recital of works by Ligeti, Debussy and Smalley, Roger Smalley and Stephen Savage, 8.
Charles Lamb Society: Mr C. R. Watters on "Coleridge and Bowyer, a pupil and his schoolmaster", Mary Ward Centre, 9 Tavistock Place, 2.30.

Tomorrow

Antique fairs: Kensington Hilton, 11-6; Cumberland Hotel, Marble Arch, 11-7; Shaftesbury Hotel, Monmouth Street, 11-6.
Southampton Art Gallery: Baroque music against a background of seventeenth and eighteenth century paintings, 3.
Talks: St Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe", "The divine word", Dom Bernard Orchard, 4; Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood, Historic Tower Hamlets, Bernard Nurse, 3.
Manchester, Art Gallery exhibition: James Dickson Innes, 1887-1914, 2.30-5.
Natural History Museum: "Human biology, an exhibition of ourselves", 2.30-6.
Recitals: Westminster Abbey, Stephen Cleobury, organ, 6.05; Padgate College, Warrington, Christopher Hogwood, harpsichord, 3.
Albert Hall, Tchaikovsky evening, New Symphonia Orchestra, 7.30.
Walks: A journey through Roman London, meet Tower Hill station entrance, 11; Where Pepys once lived, meet Aldgate station entrance, 3.

Operation for bishop

The Bishop of Liverpool, the Right Rev David Sheppard, is to go into Broadgreen Hospital in the city tomorrow for a minor operation. He is expected to be there for eight days.

£100,000 winner

The £100,000 Premium Savings Bond prize for March was won by 4FF 550571. The winner lives in West Sussex. The £25,000 prize was won by 7PK 029575. The winner lives in Bournemouth.

Science report
Allergies: Reaction to caffeine

Allergy to food may be responsible for much unexplained mental and physical illness, an article in *The Lancet* says. Symptoms such as headache, palpitations, vomiting, panic attacks and anxiety may all be caused by abnormal reactions to common foods including tea, coffee, tomatoes or potatoes.

Dr Ronald Finn and Dr H. Newman Cohen, who are consultant physicians in Liverpool, describe six patients aged between 13 and 44 who had been treated unsuccessfully for years for a variety of symptoms that fitted with no conventional diagnosis.

When investigations showed nothing abnormal the patients were questioned closely about what they ate and drank, and in each case the illness was found to be due to a reaction to one or more items in the diet. Avoidance of the food or drink concerned led to a return to normal health. Tea and coffee were most often to blame, possibly because of the active ingredient, caffeine.

The concept of food allergy is widely accepted in the United States, the article says, but it has never proved popular with doctors either there or in Britain. A second report in the same issue of *The Lancet* describes a trial at the Hospital for Sick Children in Great Ormond Street, London, of the dietary treatment of children with eczema. Thirty-six children attending the hospital's skin clinic went on to a special diet without milk or eggs. Only 20 completed the project but in 14 of those there was obvious improvement in the condition of their skin while they were on the diet.

"The value of dietary treatment in eczema is greater than has been widely appreciated", the report concludes, adding that other foods may need to be considered in some cases.

By Our Medical Correspondent
Source: *The Lancet* (Feb 25, pp 401 and 426).

SPORT

Rugby Union

England's sinews stiffened by return of Cotton and Dixon

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

It would take a braver and a wiser man than I am to forecast with any confidence how the Calcutta Cup match between England and Scotland may go at Murrayfield this afternoon. All I am prepared to observe with some conviction is that both sides are badly in need of a victory.

For Scotland, the match offers a last chance to obtain something positive from their season after three defeats, and to stop the rot after a run of five successive losses in the championship. For England, who will have a last chance of salvation against Ireland at Twickenham a fortnight hence, the background is one of four consecutive defeats—all of them at the hands of France and Wales. If that opposition amounts to a sugaring of the pill, the fact that their last try was scored in Dublin, five internationals ago, makes for bitter English reading.

It has been, nonetheless, an unlucky season for both countries so far. With an "if" here and a "but" there, Scotland can make out a plausible case for a much more successful record. It would not have taken much luck to sway their results against Ireland and France, and even the Welsh game in Cardiff might just have gone the other way. Now, although they are heartened by the return of their brilliant full back, Irvine, they have suffered the loss through injury of McHarg, the most capped of Scottish pack forwards, and of McGeechan, their versatile stand-off half.

It should not be forgotten, either, that Scotland have played the championship without Gordon Brown in the engine room up front. On the England side the absence of Uttley all season may be lamented in much the same fashion.

England were going well against France in January when their rhythm was upset by injuries, and they played almost half of that game, their quota of replacements then taken up, with an heroic Cowling continuing at loose head though his shoulder had been seriously dislocated. Cotton missed the French game and the Welsh one, too, by which time Cowling was out for the season and Dixon still was not ready to return.

There was an honourable defeat in Paris and a narrower one, 9—6, by Wales at Twickenham. It was not just a failure to kick their goals that cost England that game, but a weakness in their scrummaging in the second half.

Now Cotton and Dixon are back to stiffen English sinews but the selectors, declining what seems the obvious option of switching Cotton from tight head, have retained Nelmes on the other side of the front row. Price gave him a difficult time in the Welsh match and, now, Nelmes is faced by another formidable scrummager in Pender. Scotland will be looking for a plus here.

The struggle up front is made interesting, if less predictable, by the arrival on opposite sides of two new caps at lock. Gray, a giant of a man at six feet eight inches and around 18 stones, makes his Scottish bow in place of McHarg, as does Colclough for England, taking over from Nigel Horton. Colclough plays as a loose forward for his French club, Angoulême, but England this day will expect him to do his duty as a tight one.

The second player making his first appearance for Scotland is Breakey of Gosforth, who must I think be the tallest and largest player to play as stand-off in a postwar international. He is a strong runner, a useful tactical kicker and more flexible in that position than his physique might suggest, but he has never played with Morgan and it remains to be seen whether he can adapt at short notice to the fluid game that Scotland seem best suited to play.

The absence of McGeechan must deprive Scotland of some flair and experience in midfield, and the mercurial little John Horton should enjoy his chance of running at and challenging a much larger opponent. Overall, indeed, the England backs ought to convince themselves that they compare well with the opposition, although Renwick must be the sharpest of the centres and Irvine a law unto himself.

Given fair conditions, and the forecast is encouraging—we are likely to see two teams ready to run the ball—and it might be a rewarding spectacle. If the game should be settled by the boot, then Hignell may have reached a stage in his international career when he must come up with some consistently accurate answers. It would be good to see him having the incentive, ambition and opportunity to run for England from full back as he has so often done for Cambridge.

The last time England won at Murrayfield, excluding their success in the world seven-a-sides in 1973, was 10 years ago. When in doubt, they say, plump for the home team. It may, however, be a Sassenach's wishful thinking to believe that McGeechan's withdrawal could tilt the scales in England's favour—provided that England scrummage more effectively, throughout the contest, than they managed to do against Wales.

Today's teams for Murrayfield

Scotland			England	
A. R. Irvine (Heriot's FP)	15	Full back	A. J. Hignell (Cambridge University)	15
W. B. B. Gammell (Edinburgh Wanderers)	14	Right wing	P. J. Squires (Harrogate)	14
J. M. Renwick (Hawick)	13	Right centre	B. J. Corless (Moseley)	13
A. G. Cranston (Hawick)	12	Left centre	P. A. Dodge (Leicester)	12
B. H. Hay (Boroughmuir)	11	Left wing	M. A. C. Slemen (Liverpool)	11
R. W. Breakey (Gosforth)	10	Stand-off	J. P. Horton (Bath)	10
*D. W. Morgan (Stewart's Melville FP)	9	Scrum half	M. Young (Gosforth)	9
J. McLauchlan (Jordanhill)	1	Prop	B. G. Nelmes (Cardiff)	1
C. T. Deans (Hawick)	2	Hooker	P. J. Wheeler (Leicester)	2
N. E. K. Pender (Hawick)	3	Prop	F. E. Cotton (Sale)	3
A. J. Tomes (Hawick)	4	Lock	*W. B. Beaumont (Fylde)	4
D. Gray (West of Scotland)	5	Lock	M. Colclough (Angoulême)	5
M. A. Biggar (London Scottish)	6	Flanker	P. J. Dixon (Gosforth)	6
D. S. M. MacDonald (West of Scotland)	8	No 8	J. P. Scott (Rosslyn Park)	8
C. B. Hegarty (Hawick)	7	Flanker	M. J. Rafter (Bristol)	7
*Captain			*Captain	

Referee: J. R. West (Ireland)

Wales have experience and the confidence

By Richard Streeton

The possibility of Ireland winning the rugby international in Dublin today, thereby depriving Wales of a unique third successive triple crown, should by no means be ruled out. It would, admittedly, be a result contrary to common sense and form, but there have been enough indications this season to suggest that the match will be far from one-sided. Irrespective of the result, one of the more historic rugby occasions is already assured.

It is 100 years to the day since the first rugby international was played at Lansdowne Road, making it the oldest international ground in the world. England were the visitors, and won by two goals and a try to nothing. The Lansdowne club charged the Irish Union £5 and half of any profit over £50 for the use of the field. This afternoon the recently completed £560,000 West stand is being officially opened to mark the anniversary and epitomises the noughts that have to be added to rugby finances, these days.

Several individuals too, will be claiming their entries in the record books. The most notable feat, of course, belongs to C. M. H. Gibson, who becomes the world's most capped player with his 64th appearance for Ireland. During the game Bennett, the Welsh stand-off half, needs only three points to pass the international championships individual scoring record of 38 points held by Kiernan, an Irish full back of bygone days.

Both men will be particularly satisfied at such milestones being reached against fellow Celts. Their rugby matches against each other have always been marked by fire, brimstone and skill, and, let it be noted, have included several unexpected Welsh reversals in front of the fervent Dublin crowd.

In Wales's favour this time is their vast experience and the confidence gained from regular successes. Though sometimes slow to settle, the Welsh have seldom been extended fully in recent years in the later stages. Where necessary they have shown themselves able to raise their game, at least by individual flair. Often it has seemed that the full potential of this team, with 338 caps between them and 13 British Lions, has not been reached.

Any Welsh pack has basic strength, but the present eight are stronger than most with efficiency at the set scrummages their prime asset. Behind them there are the individual gifts of Edwards and Bennett at half-back, two sound centres and two opportunist wings in Gerald Davies and J. J. Williams; and behind them all J. P. R. Williams always likely to come thundering through direct to the line at the slightest opportunity.

Yet these paragons of nearly all the rugby virtues have had their vulnerable moments this winter. For all their control of the set pieces, Wales have not regularly dominated the line-outs; they have come off worst in too many rucks and mauls for any coach's comfort. They tend to be careless, too, as shown by counts of 17 and 18 penalties against them, respectively, in wins over England (9—6) and Scotland (22—14).

Some of Ireland's newly acquired strength this season seem tailor-made to take advantage of what frailties exist in the Welsh structure. As a unit they are predominantly young and play strictly within their limitations which compensates for an absence of great individual talent.

Provided Ward, who has claimed 17 of Ireland's 21 points this winter maintains his consistency as a place kicker, Ireland should remain in contention for a long time. In the last analysis, perhaps, the outcome is dependent on how the respective back rows perform; Irish fleetness of foot and endeavour against the height and weight of Quinnell and Squire.

Wales, indisputably, have the calibre to achieve their third triple crown in a row; Ireland equally, have the necessary equipment and incentive to thwart them. An Irish win puts them in line for the triple crown themselves against England at Twickenham in a fortnight's time. It should be quite a match.

IRELAND: A. H. Ensor (Wanderers), C. M. H. Gibson (NIFC), A. R. McKibbin (London Irish), P. P. McNaughton (Greystones), A. C. McLennan (Wanderers); A. J. P. Ward (Garryowen), J. J. Moloney (St Mary's College, captain); P. A. Orr (Old Wesley), P. C. Whelan (Garryowen), E. M. J. Byrne (Blackrock College), M. J. Keane (Lansdowne), H. W. Steele (Ballymena), S. A. McKinney (Dungannon), W. P. Duggan (Blackrock College), J. F. Slattery (Blackrock College).

WALES: J. P. R. Williams (Bridgend); T. G. R. Davies (Cardiff), R. W. R. Gravell (Llanelli), S. Fenwick (Bridgend), J. J. Williams (Llanelli), P. Bennett (Llanelli, captain), G. O. Edwards (Cardiff); A. G. Faulkner (Pontypool), R. W. Windsor (Pontypool), G. Price (Pontypool), A. J. Martin (Aberavon), G. A. D. Wheel (Swansea), J. Squire (Newport), D. L. Quinnell (Llanelli), T. J. Cobner (Pontypool).

Bath spring surprise in late rally

By Alan Gibson

Bristol 11 — Bath 17

This match is a favourite down here in the county which is now called Avon. Bristol usually win it (the score was 115 to 28 before last night's game, with 18 drawn), but Bath have a knack of wrecking predictions when it is least expected.

Barth attacked enthusiastically for the first 10 minutes, and when Davies kicked a long penalty goal, deserved their lead. Cue then missed two long one for Bristol. Bristol were on top for nearly all the rest of the first half, but for a long time could not score, though once their right wing, Lane, was near to it. Bath tackled steadily, and broke away from time to time. Suddenly they had a penalty in the Bristol half, tapped it, charged, won the ruck, moved to the short side, and scored a try, after an exchange of passes between Davies and Palmer.

Bristol, however, scored a try on the stroke of half-time. It was Cue who chored it, and it was a good try.

So it was only 7—4 to Bath at half-time, and early in he second half they were a point down, after another good try, when Lane took an awkward, low pass, and ran swiftly to the line.

As I was writing down that Bath were beginning to fade from the picture, or some such immortal phrase, they scored again, a great dash by their formidable policeman, Parsons. If Davies had been kicking better, Bath might have had a comfortable lead. Apart fro mthe conversions, he missed a straightforward penalty. As it was, Cue kicked a penalty for Bristol, which made it 11—11.

Then, in the last five minutes, Beese made an interception about 40 yards out, gave a scoring pass to Gay and Davies made a conversion from halfway out. So the surprise was complete, and I suppose we have no reason to go away feeling surprised, we who are familiar with matches between Bristol and Bath.

BRISTOL: P. Cue; J. Lane, N. Hunt, J. Kelly, R. Carter; D. Sorrell, G. Koumaris; M. Fry (capt), J. Pullin, A. Sheppard, N. Pomphrey, A. Troughton, M. Baker, S. Gorbett, P. Polledri.

BATH: J. Waterman (capt); P. Simmons, M. Steed, G. Bird, M. C. Beese; J. Davies, J. Palmer; D. Murphy, D. Ford, C. Less, P. Davies, D. Gay, D. Barry, G. Parsons, G. Pillinger.

Referee: L. Prideaux (North Midlands).

Boxing

Goodall says that you cannot beat the system

Manny Goodall, the Blackpool promoter whose bid of $650,000 was not enough to win him the right to stage John Conteh's world light-heavyweight title bout against the Yugoslav, Mate Parlov, yesterday criticised the financial extras demanded in this country which, he said, prevented him from obtaining the contract. The winning bid came from the American company, Top Rank, who will stage the contest in Belgrade on June 17. They paid $800,000 and Mr Goodall claims that his $650,000 bid would really have cost him $1m.

"If my bid had been accepted Parlov's purse would have been $520,000 and I would have been responsible, on top of that, for his income tax which would have been about $170,000. Also I would have had to pay the British Boxing Board of Control 15 per cent of the television contribution, which would have come to $87,000.

"I would also have had to pay the Board five per cent of the gate money. The fighters must also pay five per cent of their purse money to the Board for which I would have been responsible. On top of all that there is eight per cent VAT. I could not have offered one dollar more than I did. As long as this financial burden exists, British promoters will always be at an impossible disadvantage when bidding for these fights", he said.

"This is why", Mr Goodall added, "the British public are not watching many world championship fights in this country. There has to be a new financial structure if we are to have a fair chance."

Mr Goodall delivered his bid personally in Mexico City on Tuesday and it cost him £1,000 for what he calls "the experience". Although the fight went far beyond his reach Mr Goodall praised Conteh for his stand in demanding more money than British promoters were willing to pay.

The purse for the Belgrade bout is the biggest evar paid outside the world heavyweight championship and the bulk of it will come, via Top Rank, from an American television company.

Finnegan seeks to strengthen title bout claim

Boston, March 3.—Kevin Finnegan, of Britain, and Marvin Hagler, of Brockton, Massachusetts, will both be aiming to strengthen their case for a shot at the world middleweight title when they meet in a 10-round bout at the Boston Garden tomorrow night. The promoter Rip Valenti says the bout between the two southpaws could produce a challenger for the champion, Rodrigo Valdes, of Colombia, later this year.

"We already have a verbal commitment from Ronnie Harris, supposed runner-up to Valdes in the ratings, to fight the winner of Saturday's bout", Mr Valenti said. "But it's not unlikely that Valdes will take on either Finnegan or Hagler—if the money's right. And we plan to make it worth Rodgrigo's while."

Hagler, who has won 34 bouts and lost two, said he was confident of victory.

Motor racing

Michelin to win battle of tyres if it rains

From a Special Correspondent
Johannesburg, March 3

Heavy, dark thunder clouds are gathering over Kyalami which could turn the South African Grand Prix into a battle of rubber. For this year's circus is already developing into a contest of tyres, between cars shod by Goodyear, who have had it all their own way for years, and the Michelin-shod Ferraris and Renault.

The Goodyear clad cars, led by the world champion, Niki Lauda, in the Brabham Alfa, are at the front of the grid. But the Renault and Ferraris are not too badly placed either.

Ferrari's chief designer, Marin Forgieri, said today: "We can run all the race with the tyres we used in practice with no problems but I think the faster Goodyear cars are going to have problems making their quickest tyres last the whole race."

Yesterday's results

Fourth division

Scunthorpe (1) 2 — Grimsby (0) 1
Lumby (2, 1 pen) — Donovan
7,000

Swansea (2) 3 — Watford (0) 3
Moore, Toshack, Curtis — Jenkins, Mayes, Bolton
15,000

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Second division: Willesden 1, Farnborough 2.

RUGBY UNION: Bristol 11, Bath 17; Gloucester 34, St Luke's College 4.

Cricket

A twenties look about England as they face £25,000 payoff Test

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Auckland, March 3

England look like making two changes for the third Test match against New Zealand, starting here tomorrow, with Gatting and Lever replacing Rose and Old. If Gatting plays it will be only his second game in a month, but when one is only 20, as he is, it is the opportunity that matters.

Either Miller, who is only moderately keen on the idea, or Randall will probably go in first with Boycott. This need to improvize comes from Rose's lack of success in the five Test matches on the tour (100 runs in nine innings) as well, of course, as the absence of Brearley. As Boycott's opening partner, quite apart from in other ways, Brearley has been missed since his injury seven weeks ago.

It is a long time since England had players of only 20 (Gatting) and 22 (Botham) in the same side. In the first Test against New Zealand a fortnight ago Old took six for 54, and he is a fine fielder and a punishing hitter of the ball. It will not be easy to leave him out in the morning, and he has made an excellent senior member of the party, but the selectors do have a quandry. With Botham bowling so well, they see the choice as being between Old and Radley or Gatting, and they will reckon, I think, that Radley and Gatting are more likely to make runs.

I shall be keeping my fingers crossed for Randall. One hundred and thirty-one runs in eight Tests innings, here and in Pakistan, is a poor return, but he has saved countless runs in the field, and he cheers up every game he plays in. In a sense his famous innings in Melbourne put him under more rather than less pressure, for what it left him to live up to, and the fear, every time he fails, that his 174 will be seen simply as a flash in the pan.

Had the match started this morning, rain would have prevented a full day's play. The forecast is for unsettled weather, which if it keeps down the gates tomorrow and on Sunday will be a blow to the New Zealand Cricket Council, who need another £25,000 to cover England's guarantee. They are confident of getting it, with the series level and everything to play for, so long as they have a fine weekend.

As for the wicket, the groundsman says there should be a lot of runs in it once the early life has gone. There never was a groundsman, though, who did not say that, and it is humid enough for the ball to swing about if the bowlers pitch it up.


Flash in the pan? Fingers will be crossed for Randall.

England's two highest totals against New Zealand were both made in Auckland—593 for six declared in 1975 (Fletcher 216, Denness 181) and 562 for seven declared in 1963 (Parfitt 131 not out, Barrington 126 and Knight 125), and it was here in 1933 that Hammond made his 336. By contrast, New Zealand's total of 26 at Eden Park in 1955, when Tyson and Statham bowled them out, is the lowest made in Test cricket. And Tyson and Statham used the bouncer as only an occasional weapon.

Auckland, March 3.—England and New Zealand cricket officials today called for firm action by the umpires to stop any arguments about short-pitched bowling or running on the pitch during tomorrow's third Test.

"The two major points of concern in this series have been the short-pitched bowling and running on the pitch." Frank Cameron, the New Zealand manager, said. "It is in the hands of the umpires to solve it all. They could avoid a tense atmosphere in the match if they step in early on the first day and lay down the law on these two matters."

ENGLAND: from: G. Boycott, B. Rose, D. Randall, G. Roope, C. Radley, I. Botham, G. Miller, M. Gatting, R. Taylor, C. Old, P. Edmonds, J. Lever and R. Willis.

NEW ZEALAND: from: R. Anderson, J. Wright, B. Edgar, G. Howarth, B. Congdon, M. Burgess, J. Parker, J. Edwards, R. Hadlee, L. Cairns, R. Collinge, S. Boock.

Australians fall to fast bowlers

Port of Spain, March 3.—The West Indies, replying to Australia's first innings score of 90, had scored 79 without loss as close of play on the first day of the first Test match here today.

Australia, caught on an uncertain wicket against the best fast bowling attack in the world, crashed to 72 for five at tea. An hour later they were all out.

Croft, who took eight for 29 here a year ago against Pakistan, tore apart the top Australian batting this time taking three wickets for nine runs of feight overs. J. Garner chipped in with the key wicket of the Australian captain. Bobby Simpson and the wicket-keeper, Stephe nRixon fell in the middle of the wicket and was run out. To add to Australia's woes, Toohey was back in the pavillion after being hit on the bear by a short ball from Roberts. He was not badly hurt.

Only Cosier came to terms with the three West Indies fast bowlers and hit three boundaries off one over from Garner. He made 46.

The first man to go was Wood. He attempted to hit Croft over the covers and was superbly caught, one-handed, by the new man Haynes for two. Yallop came and went for the same score. He turned his back on a bouncer from Croft, but did not get his bat out of the way and Richards moved from gully to take the catch.

Serjeant, brought in as a late replacement for Darling, who has influenza, stayed 64 minutes for three runs, fencing and missing at all the fast bowlers until he finally got a touch to another ball from Croft and was caught behind.

Simpson was trapped leg-before going to drive a Garner inswinger and then Rixon fell going for a run and was on his knees scrambling frantically for home when the wicket was broken.

AUSTRALIA: First innings

G. Wood, c Haynes, b Croft	2
C. Serjeant, c Murray, b Croft	3
G. Yallop, c Richards, b Croft	2
P. Toohey, b Garner	20
*R. Simpson, l-b-w, b Garner	0
G. Cosier, c Greenidge, b Croft	46
†S. Rixon, run out	1
B. Yardley, c Murray, b Roberts	0
J. Thomson, c Austin, b Roberts	0
W. Clark, b Garner	0
J. Higgs, not out	0
Extras (b 4, l-b 6, n-b 4)	14
Total	90

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—7, 2—10, 3—11, 4—43, 5—45, 6—75, 7—75, 8—87, 9—90, 10—90.

BOWLING: Roberts, 12—1—26—2; Croft, 9.1—5—15—4; Garner, 14—6—35—3.

Hockey

Five-star stickwork and timing by English reject

By Sydney Friskin

Hounslow 5 — Tulse Hill 2

Ian Barrett, of Hounslow, who was dropped from the England party this season, made a brilliant return to indoor hockey at scored all five goals for his club against Tulse Hill in the final of the national club championship, sponsored by Rank Xerox. His stickwork was excellent and his timing exquisite. These teams met in the final in 1974, when Tulse Hill won on penalty strokes after a 1—1 draw.

Hounslow had a more arduous passage into tonight's final. They beat Slough on penalty strokes after the score had stood 2—2 at full time. A disquieting incident was the facial injury of Khehar, whose departure left Slough in disarray. He was struck in the face by a rising ball during a corner and was sent to hospital, where an X-ray examination revealed that he had a fractured jaw. Khehar is a member of the England outdoor party due to leave for Argentina on March 16 for the World Cup.

A crowd of about 1,500, the best so far for an indoor event at Crystal Palace, saw Hounslow survive a fiercer struggle against Beckenham in the semi-final round. The score stood at 2—2 at half-time, afted which goals by Mills from a penalty stroke and Anderson from open play gave Beckenham a 4—2 lead. Barrett then launched his counter-offensive for Hounslow. He scored five goals in a row to give them a comfortable lead, and only a goal by Mills in the closing minutes restored some respectability for Beckenham.

Tulse Hill's entry into the final was less ostentatious. They were troubled only slightly by Teddington, whom they defeated 4—2, but they were driven to the limits of their powers by St Albans, whose enthusiasm they managed to suppress only in the dying minutes of the game. Ashby shone for St Albans and Nurse for Tulse Hill.

Before the distribution of prizes a minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect to the memory of Richard Hollands, the hockey correspondent of The Daily Telegraph, who died in London last evening.

QUARTER-FINAL ROUND: Beckenham 3, Bedfordshire Eagles 3 (Beckenham won 1—0 on penalty strokes); Slough 2, Hounslow 2 (Hounslow won 1—0 on penalty strokes); Teddington 2, Tulse Hill 4; Preston 3, St Albans 4.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND: Beckenham 5, Hounslow 7; Tulse Hill 6, St Albans 4.

Northern Club, Great Crosby, near Liverpool is the scene of the county championship hockey final between Lancashire and Somerset, starting today at 3 pm. Lancashire are trying to regain a title they have lost, and Somerset to get their hands on something they have never won.

Surrey play into hands of their opponents

By Joyce Whitehead

United States 4 — Surrey 0

The United States played the second match of their tour, scored their first goals on English soil and showed how to achieve results from corners when they beat Surrey, the southern county champions, at Sutton yesterday. Indeed, Surrey did well to hold them to two goals in each half.

Thomson played soundly at left back and Tarbox, at centre half, distributed the ball well, but it was in attack that Surrey came to grief. They played into the hands of their opponents by not spreading the game wide. The Americans looked far better playing on grass than they had on the hard court. The sunshine also helped them.

Their stickwork is attractive and, although their 4-2-4 system makes their game narrow, they are dangerous at corners. Anders, their sweeper, scored from the first and third corner without the slightest hesitation. Morett scored the second indirectly from a corner and then Staver, playing a captain's game, converted a penalty stroke with a fine lifted scoop. An elegant player, from her role in midfield, she marks and intercepts with dexterity.

SURREY: M. Clark; S. Bedford, D. Thomson, C. Cruggs, E. Tarbox, J. Witte, R. Shepherd, S. Hewitt, V. Chad, B. Chuter, A. Roberts.

UNITED STATES: G. Cheeseman; B. Anders, P. Hixon, A. Miller, N. Stevens, J. Staver, C. Morett, R. Cash, B. Doran, J. Grant, C. Larson.

Umpires: S. Plant and M. Watson.

Squash rackets

Jahan near to perfection, Hunt near to the end

By Rex Bellamy
Squash Rackets Correspondent

Geoffrey Hunt, the world squash rackets champion, was beaten 9—10, 7—9, 9—5, 9—0, 9—5 in 78 minutes by Hidayat Jahan, who is ranked four places below him, in the semi-final round of the £10,000 Shepherd Spacemaker tournament (the first big event restricted to members of the International Squash Players' Association) at Abbeydale Park, Sheffield, last evening.

The most astonishing thing was the fact that Hunt lost after winning two games and leading 5—0 in the third. Jahan looked done for. But the spring suddenly went from Hunt's stride. His energies and his concentration doubtless needed a respite. He certainly relaxed the pressure and lost his momentum. This is a dangerous thing to do against Jahan at any time—and particularly when he is playing well enough to beat Gogi Alauddin in straight games, as he had done the previous evening.

When Hunt let him into the third game, Jahan was like a lion released from the cage. He played with irresistible splendour and consistent discipline to win 20 consecutive points, 19 of them without making a single error. Hunt no longer had the speed and resilience to contain him. Hunt did bounce back in the fifth game, displaying his competitive verve and the basic fitness that enables such a great athlete to recover from a degree of fatigue that would finish most men. But by that time Jahan was playing too well to be denied.

Jahan, who was born in Lahore but has settled in Surrey, had a game ball at 9—8 in the first game, in which his winners and errors did most of the scoring for both men. That arduously thrilling game lasted 25 minutes. For the next game and a half Hunt's stream of short winners indicated that Jahan's quickness had been the more deeply eroded. He was no longer fast enough in his retrieving and his recoveries to the mid-court position.

Then, suddenly, came that total and irreversible change. Jahan's length improved. He made the ball hug the walls. His drops became cruelly shorter, his nicked kills explosively accurate. He cannot hope to play squash that more closely approaches perfection.

The match as a whole was a glorious example of the rigorous beauties men can create when they find a game sufficiently rewarding, in both senses, to compete throughout the year. It was appropriate that such a match should be contested amid the congested exciting intimacy of Britain's finest big-match arena.

In tomorrow's final Jahan will play Qamar Zaman, who took Hunt to five games in the final of the world championship in Adelaide last October. Zaman's peerless artitry is currently disciplined by discretion and a solid basis of fitness. So it was no surprise that he should beat Mohibullah Khan 9—3, 9—1, 1—9, 9—2. But beyond the final lies another question: how much longer can it be before Hunt, a week short of his 31st birthday, is engulfed by the rising tide from Pakistan? On the evidence of his physical decline last evening, the forthcoming British open championship could mark the end of an era.

Lacrosse

Geronimo tribe put British scalp under belt

By Philip Howard

British U 3 — US Colleges 14

Thunderous galloping of female feet, clatter of sticks on wood and flesh, and war whoops at Nottingham yesterday afternoon were not the sound of squaws from the Wild West come to lay waste the Midlands. They were merely the first women's lacrosse team from American colleges to visit Britain completing their tour in triumph.

Their previous scalps included those of Oxford, Cambridge, London and Durham. It has been a satisfying revenge for the unbeaten tour of the United States by a British Universities side two years ago.

The British girls had never played together before, and struggled bravely. They could have had several more goals with a bit of luck and more determined shooting. But after they had equalized 1—1 the Americans encircled their goal like Apaches round a wagon train.

The heart of the American side are players from West Chester State College, famous for its physical education department, which is to women's lacrosse what Loughborough College used to be to rugby. Ten of the United States team are majoring in physical education, and they are formidable advertisements for the discipline. All the American attackers showed a dazzling variety of shots, overarm, underarm, and a killer from the wrong side of the stick, which is the equivalent of an Indian shooting beneath his galloping horse. The American goalkeeper was as resourceful as Geronimo.

Weekend fixtures

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

First division

Arsenal v Manchester C
Aston Villa v Leicester
Chelsea v Liverpool
Coventry v Birmingham
Derby v Newcastle
Everton v QP Rangers
Ipswich v West Bromwich
Leeds v Bristol C
Manchester U v Middlesbrough
Nottm Forest v West Ham
Wolverhampton v Norwich

Second division

...ton v Brighton
Bristol Rovers v Burnley
Charlton v Blackburn
Crystal Palace v Stoke
Hull v Millwall
...on v Cardiff
Oldham v Tottenham
Orient v Notts County
Sheffield U v Mansfield
Sunderland v Southampton
Postponed: Blackpool v Fulham.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Old Aldenhamians v Old Carthusians; Old Foresters v Old Wellingburians; Old Salopians v Lancing OB; Old Wykehamists v Old Cholmeleians.

Third division

Carlisle v Cambridge U
Chesterfield v Sheffield Wed (3.15)
Hereford v Colchester
Peterborough v Bury
Plymouth v Chester
Portsmouth v Walsall
Port Vale v Shrewsbury
Preston v Bradford C
Rotherham v Gillingham
Swindon v Lincoln
Wrexham v Exeter

Fourth division

Barnsley v Doncaster
Bournemouth v Hartlepool
Brentford v Torquay
Crewe v Wimbledon
Darlington v York
Huddersfield v Halifax
Newport v Aldershot (3.15)
Reading v Northampton
Rochdale v Stockport
Southend v Southport

FA VASE: Sixth round: Barton Rovers v Haringey Borough; Hungerford Town v Irthlingborough Diamonds; Almondsbury Greenway v Burnham.

SCHOOLBOYS' INTERNATIONAL: England v France (Wembley Stadium, 3.0).

ARTHUR DUNN CUP.—Semi-final round: Old Brentwoods v Old Reptonians; Old Chigwellians v Old Bradfieldians.

Scottish Cup

Fourth round
Hibernian v Partick (3.30)

Scottish premier division

Clydebank v St Mirren
Dundee U v Celtic
Rangers v Aberdeen

Cross-country

English championships (at Leeds). English schoolgirls' championships (at Lincoln). Essex Ladies' relays (at Wanstead).

Squash Rackets

East of England tournament (at Norwich).
East of England tournament (at Norwich).

Race walking

Southern area 10 miles championship (at Battersea Park).

Scottish first division

Airdrie v Dundee
Alloa v Arbroath
East Fife v Stirling Albion
Hearts v Dumbarton
Montrose v Queen of South
Morton v Kilmarnock
St Johnstone v Hamilton

Lacrosse

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Wales v Scotland (at Howell's School, Llandaff).

NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Ashton v Heaton Mersey; Mellor v Cheadle; Old Hulmeians v Sheffield University; Old Stopfordians v South Manchester and Wythenshawe; Stockport v Urmston.

Rackets

Queen's weekend (at Queen's Club).

Scottish second division

Berwick v Stranraer
Clyde v Dunfermline
Cowdenbeath v Albion
E Stirling v Brechin
Forfar v Stenhousemuir
Meadowbank v Raith
Queen's Pk v Falkirk

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: AP Leamington v Bedford; Atherstone v Grantham; Bath v Dartford; Cheltenham v Barnet; Dover v Nuneaton; Gravesend v Hillingdon; Hastings v Redditch; Kettering v Yeovil; Maidstone v Telford; Weymouth v Minehead; Worcester v Wealdstone. First division: North: Banbury v Dunstable; Barry v Kidderminster; Bridgend v Corby; Cambridge City v Tamworth; Enderby v Bromsgrove; Gloucester v Witney Town; King's Lynn v Stourbridge; Merthyr Tydfil v Oswestry (1.0); Wellingborough v Burton. South: Addlestone v Hounslow; Ashford v Tonbridge; Aylesbury v Poole; Basingstoke v Trowbridge; Bognor Regis v Andover; Chelmsford v Waterlooville; Crawley v Margate; Romford v Canterbury; Taunton v Dorchester.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Barking v Staines Town; Boreham Wood v Sutton United; Hitchin Town v Tooting & Mitcham; Leytonstone v Carshalton Athletic; Slough Town v Dagenham; Tilbury v Southall & EB; Walthamstow Avenue v Kingstonian. First division: Corinthian-Casuals v Clapton; Finchley v Harwich & Parkeston; Hampton v St Albans; Harrow Borough v Harlow Town; Horsham v Hornchurch; Maidenhead United v Dulwich Hamlet; Oxford City v Aveley; Ware v Bromley; Wokingham Town v Ilford.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Burnham v Windsor & Eton; Chalfont St Peter v Billericay Town; Erith & Belvedere v Edgware; Hoddesdon Town v Chertsey Town; Kingsbury Town v Harefield United; Marlow v Grays Athletic; Redhill v Leyton-Wingate; Ruislip Manor v Uxbridge.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Altrincham v Worksop; Barrow v Stafford Rangers; Boston United v Bangor City; Buxton v Gateshead; Frickley v Morecambe; Goole v Runcorn; Lancaster v Mossley; Northwich Victoria v Netherfield; Scarborough v Workington; South Liverpool v Gainsborough; Wigan Athletic v Macclesfield.

Rugby Union

International Matches
Ireland v Wales (in Dublin)
Scotland v England (at Murrayfield)

John Player Cup: Second round
London Welsh v Liverpool (2.45)
Northampton v Wakefield

Services Tournament
Royal Navy v Army (at Twickenham, 3.0)

Club Matches
Birmingham v Nottingham (2.45)
Coventry v Wasps
Gosforth v Sale
Halifax v New Brighton
Harrogate v Cheltenham
Headingley v Sheffield
Hull and E.R. v Chester
Langholm v Fylde
Leicester v Harlequins
London Scottish v Richmond (2.30)
Loughborough College v Broughton Pk
Metropolitan Police v Birkenhead Park
Moseley v Blackheath
Nottingham v Manchester
Orrell v Wilmslow
Plymouth Alb v Exeter (7.0)
Rosslyn Park v Cambridge University
Roundhay v Kendal
Saracens v Nuneaton
Waterloo v North of Ireland
Edinburgh Acads v Heriots F.P.
Edinburgh Wdrs v Jordanhill
Glasgow High v Kilmarnock
Stewart's Melville F.P. v Hawick

Rowing

NRC eights head (at Barnes).

Canoeing

Shepperton slalom (at Shepperton Weir).

Hockey

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Final: Lancashire v Somerset (at Northern Ground, Liverpool, 3.0).

LONDON LEAGUE: Beckenham v Teddington, Blackheath v Dulwich, Bromley v St Albans, Guildford v Maidenhead, Hawks v Cheam, Hounslow v Cambridge University, Richmond v Old Kingstonians, Slough v Hampstead, Spencer v Reading, Surbiton v Tulse Hill, Wimbledon v Southgate.

OTHER MATCHES: Bedfordshire Eagles v Cambridgeshire Nomads, Bishop's Stortford v Berkhamsted, Bury St Edmunds v Norwich Grasshoppers, Colchester v Romford, Colchester Exiles v Clacton, Crostyx v Ilford, Huntingdon v Royston, Ipswich v Westcliff, London University v Polytechnic, Lowestoft v Gorleston, Norfolk Wanderers v Peterborough, Norwich Union v Wisbech, University of Essex v Thurrock.

Tomorrow

Football

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Barrow v Worksop; Gateshead v Mossley.

Rugby Union

CLUB MATCHES: Newbridge v Pontypridd; Bristol v Falmouth (3.15).

Rugby League

FIRST DIVISION: Bradford N v Wakefield T (3.30); Featherstone R v Workington T (3.30); New Hunslet v Wigan (3.30); St. Helens v Bramley; Widnes v Dewsbury.

SECOND DIVISION: Barrow v Huddersfield (2.30); Batley v Leigh; Blackpool B. v Swinton; Huyton v Halifax (2.30); Keighley v Doncaster (3.75); York v Whitehaven.

Television highlights

BBC 1

Football: Preview (12.25)

Hockey: National Indoor final, Crystal Palace (12.55, 1.40)

Racing: Newbury races at 1.30, 2.0, 2.30; Haydock races at 2.15, 2.45

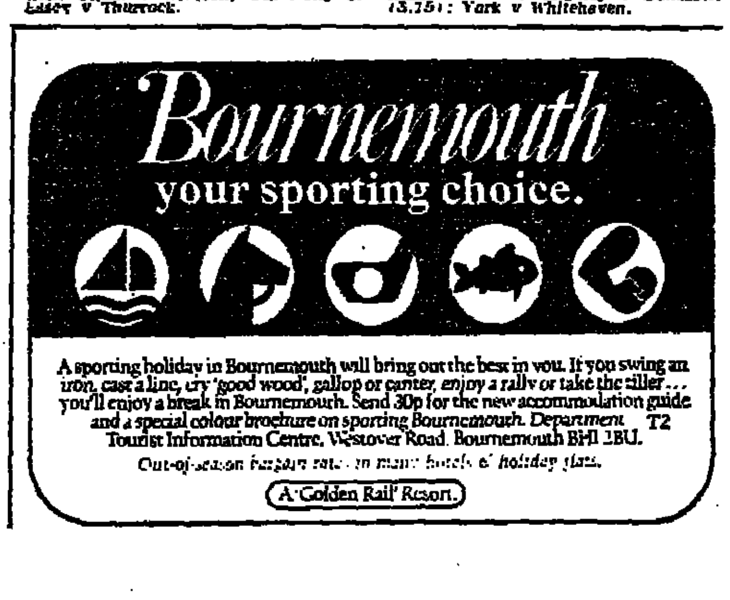
Rugby Union: Scotland v England (2.50); Ireland v Wales (4.30)

Football: Match of the Day (10.0)

BBC 2—tomorrow
Rugby Union: Scotland v England, Ireland v Wales (5.25)

IBA
Motor Racing: South African Grand Prix (12.5, 1.15)
Football: Preview (12.40)
Racing: Hereford races at 2.20, 2.50, 3.25; Market Rasen races at 2.35, 3.5, 3.40
Wrestling: Rotherham promotion (4.0)

IBA—tomorrow
Football: Big Match (2.15)



SPORT

Football

London has its say, if only negatively, in shape of things to come

By Norman Fox
Football Correspondent

Liverpool pass European milestones without a second glance and many of their supporters are as familiar with Heathrow as Lime Street Station. The experience of 14 consecutive seasons of European competition is a substantial argument against the team's detractor, and at this moment is a valuable pedigree at home as well as *abroad*.

Unlike Nottingham Forest who, for all of their splendid success thi season, are not certain that they can cope with the gathering intensity of the league and cup programme, Liverpool confidently talk of only just beginning the serious part of their campaign. *Their defeat of Benfica in appalling* conditions in Lisbon this week added some weight to Bob Paisley's assessment of the situation.

Benfica, though not now one of Europe's more voluble teams, had nevertheless maintained an unbeaten sequence of 47 games at *the Stadium of Light*, yet were no match for the experience of such travelled players as Hughes, who was making his 71st appearance in European competition and looking much happier than of late.

How different from Nottingham Forest ,who may not lack experienced players, but collectively cannot be measured by Liverpool's yardstick. Brian Clough, the Forest manager, admitted that hhe had no idea what effect the diffi*cult fixture list would* have on his team. They have nine weeks in which to play 14 league games, but two Saturdays are set aside for the Football League Cup Final (March 18) and the sixth round of the FA Cup (March 11). They may also be involved in the FA Cup semi-final round (April 8). For a comparatively small "squad" of 15 players, it is a deanding programme.

The three players who missed Thursday's FA Cup defeat of Queen's Park Rangers, Gemmill, McGovern and Barrett, are in the party for todays' home match with West Ha *United, but Anderson*, their excellent young full back, is suspended. Not that Forest should be worried by West Ham, who have won only two league matches this season and lost 5-0 at the City Ground in the League Cup last August. At least Brooking, ever cheerful, continues to shine through another of his club's murky winters.

Now that Forest's margin of *security at the top of the first* division is only four points over Manchester City, it will be as if mistakes count double. City, unbeaten in nine league games, will not need to make many to drop a point at Highbury, even though Arsenal ay act more defensively in the absence of Macdonald and Rix, *who are injured. For City*, Owen returns after being one of the many influenza sufferers this week.

Liverpool return to the scene of their biggest disappointment this season—Stamford Bridge, where Chelsea knocked them out of the FA Cup, only to be beaten *by Orient this week*. Few teams score early against Liverpool and keep pressing forward against the inevitable powerful counter-attacks. Chelsea succeeded in January, but are unlikely to be given a second chance.

Liverpool will have Hansen in the middle of their defence because Thompson *has a stomach* injury, but Souness, who was ineligible for the match against Benfica, returns to midfield. He is one of the Anglo-Scots hoping to hear the good news that he is among the Scottish World Cup party of 40. Chelsea's good news is that they have repaid £445.000 of their debts. The bad news is that the admission prices will go up next season, and that the creditors are still owed *£2,955,000.*

With Queen's Park Rangers playing at Everton, Forest meeting West Ham, and Manchester City at Arsenal, London can today determine the future course of the championship, and not only at the top. Rangers can ill afford to play as ineffectively at Goodison Park as they did when Everton beat them 3—1 at Loftus Road in October, when Latchford scored four. Latchford is return*ing to the team today after* recovering from abdominal trouble possibly caused by over-enthusiastic weight training.

League help to make Scots available

Mr Alan Hardaker insisted yesterday that the Football League i smaking an effort to ensure *that Anglo-Scottish players will be* available for the World Cup finals

Mr Ally McLeod, the Scottish team manager, is to announce today his initial party of 40 in preparation for the World Cup finals, and with excellent timing Mr Hardaker, the League chief executive, told critics with any doubts about the League's intentions to contact the Scottish FA and ask them if they were getting full cooperation.

After the recent bad weather Mr Hardaker, concerned about possibl efixture congestion, urged League clubs to get outstanding matches out of the way

Three out of England under-21 party

The Derby County goalkeeper, John Middleton, Graham Rix (Arsenal) and Peter Reid (Bolton Wanderers) have withdrawn from the England Under-21 party for their quarter final round match in the European championship against Italy at Maine Road, on Wednesday.

Rix has a groin strain and misses the match between Arsenal and Manchester City at Highbury today. Middleton and Reid have both been released to play in rearranged League games on the same night.

Mr Ron Greenwood, the England manager, will wait until tomorrow before naming any replacements.

Golf

Three dust off cobwebs to share first round lead

Orlando, Mar 3.—Arnold Palmer, Bob Murphy and Tom Kite, three players who have not won a prowent round in 65, seven under par, fessional golf tour event recently, yesterday to share the first round *lead in the Florida Citrus Open.* In almost ideal conditions, 66 players broke the par of 72 on the Rio Pinar Country Club course.

Palmer, whose last victory was in the Bob Hope Desert tournament in 1973, had seven birdies and missed only one green. He used a mere 29 putts.

Murphy, whose last victory was in the Jackie Gleason Inverrary event in 1975, had nine birdies *but dropped two strokes*. Kite, whose only victory was in the Bicentennial tournament in Philadelphia in 1976, played almost *flawlessly, gaining seven birdies.* On nine greens, he putted only once.

65: R. Murphy, A. Palmer, T. Kite. 66: D. Graham (Australia), R. Maltbie.
67: E. Sneed, H. Irwin, S. Melnyk, P. Brown, L. Trevino.
68: T. Simpson, R. Floyd, G. Jones, R. Wadkins, H. Twitty, B. Crenshaw, D. Eichelberger.
Other foreign scores: 70, B. Barnes (GB), 72, J. Mellord (Canada), V. Regalado (Mexico), D. Barr (Canada), 73, F. Molina (Argentina).—Reuter.

SYDNEY: Australian women's championship: 70, D. Austin (US), 71, D. Young (US); 75, K. Whitworth (US), Jane Crafter; 76, J. Stephenson, C. Kingram (NZ), 77, J. Miles, J. Walsh, N. Lopez (US), L. Briers, R. Wright, C. Higuchi (Japan).

BOGOTA: Colombian Open championship, first round: 68, R. Bynian (US); 70, A. Jacklin (GB), H. Valenzuela (Colombia); 72, F. Aaron (US), O. Moody (US); 74, P. Townsend (GB), N. Faldo (GB), H. P. Acosta (Mexico), P. Cerna (Mexico); 75, R. de Vicenzo (Argentina).

PATTAYA (Thailand): Thai Open championship: 137, Hsu Sheng San, [illegible] 140, K. Go, 70, 70, 141, Hsieh Min Nan, 71, 70, R. Douglas, 70, 71, 142, T. Takevasu, 71, 71, H. Sindina, 71, 71; Wuo Chie Hsiung, 71, 71, G. Serhan, 70, 72, [illegible] 73, 70. Other placings: 146, Jones (Ireland), 75, 71, M. Remenidge, GB 71, 77.

Skiing

Miss Wenzel comfortably ahead of her rivals

Stratton, Vermonth, March 3.—Hanni Wenzel of Liechtenstein moved closer to clinching the overall World Cup championship by winning the women's giant slalom in the first of four days of cup competition at Stratton Mountain. Miss Wenzel climbed into first place in the giant slalom standings with a first run of 1min 13.61sec backed by a *second* run of 1:08.77. Her combined time of 2:22.38 was comfortabl yahead of Maria Epple of West Germany, who clocked 2:23.54 to finish second.

Lise-Marie Morerod of Switzerlandpwho nad entered the races with a slim lead over Miss Wenzel in the season's giant slalom stand*ings—was third in 2:24.20*. The highest ranking American finisher was Cindy Nelson, who came sixth with 2:25.15. The World Cup races will finish in Stratton on Sunday, the umove to Waterville Valley, *New Hampshire, for two days of* competition.

Miss Morerod has been mathematically eliminated and only Mrs Moser, a five-time World Cup champion trying to make a comeback out of retirement, has a chance at the overall title. To overtake Miss Wenzell, Mrs Moser must finish in the top three in all three remaining slalom and giant slalom events.

Philip Mahre of the United *States won the World alpine Cup* giant slalom here this afternoon. Switzerland's Heini Hemmi was second with the world champion, *Ingemar Stenmark of Sweden*, third. Mahre of White Pass, Washington, took an early first run lead over a large field.

Latest European snow reports

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5 pm) —	°C
Crans-Montana	70	225	Good	Varied	Poor	Fine	8
Poor conditions on lower slopes							
Davos	60	170	*Good*	*Crust*	*Poor*	*Fine*	6
Bare patches on lower pistes							
Flaine	105	315	Good	Varied	Fair	Sun	-1
Good skiing conditions							
Kitzbuhel	15	55	Worn	Varied	Poor	Fine	16
Bare patches on all slopes							
Seefeld	30	70	Fair	Heavy	Good	Sun	12
Worn patches on some slopes							
Val d'Isere	160	350	Good	Spring	Good	Fine	-3
Excellent skiing conditions							
Verbier	50	200	Good	Varied	Fair	Fine	1
Excellent piste skiing							
Voss	40	80	Fair	Fair	Closed	Cloud	8
Worn patches on lower slopes							
Wengen	50	100	*Good*	*Varied*	*Fair*	*Fine*	—
Lower slopes slushy							

In the above reports supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain. L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. *The following reports have been received from other sources:*

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	State of Piste	Weather	°C
NORWAY					
Finse	140	170	Good	—	-4
Geilo	120	140	Good	—	0
Gol	60	70	Good	—	-2
Lillehammer	60	110	Fair	—	-1
Norefjell	160	190	Good	—	-2
Oslo	[illegible]	120	Good	—	1
Rjukan	125	150	Good	—	0
SPAIN					
Baqueira-Beret	50	110	Good	Sun	[illegible]
Cerler	50	110	Good	Sun	[illegible]
Formigal	50	180	Good	Snow	[illegible]
La Molina	10	25	Fair	Sun	[illegible]
La Tuca	20	150	Hard	Sun	[illegible]
Masella	—	30	Fair	Sun	[illegible]
San Isidro	60	170	Good	Sun	[illegible]

Racing

Even Dawn to shed light on festival

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

A first-class programme at Newbury today promises to shed some light on the forthcoming National Hunt festival at Cheltenham. Midnight Court, who is the second favourite for the Gold Cup, is to have his last race before his big date at Cheltenham in the Morgan Grenfell Geoffrey *Gilbey Memorial Handicap* Steeplechase, a race that his trainer, Fred Winter, has won before with Into View, Crisp and Bula.

With Even Dawn, Commandant, Ireland's Owen, Otter Way and Number Engaged ranged against him, Midnight Court seems to have a *much harder* task than that which confronted his archrival Fort Devon at Kempton Park a week ago. For instance, Midnight Court must give 7lb to Even Dawn, who not only won this race 12 months ago but also made a valiant attempt to give 25lb *to Bachelor's Hall at* Liverpool later in the season. What is more, Even Dawn is a horse who comes to himself at this time of the year.

Running for the first time this season at Huntingdon last Tuesday, Even Dawn made a whole host of friends when he gave *Miss Boon a stone and 11lb and* beat her by half a length over a distance that was if anything a shade on the short side for him. Afterwards, his trainer, Brian Lunness, told me that that race would have done Even Dawn nothing but good and that he expected him to be even better today and a match for Midnight Court. In the circumstances, no one ought to be surprised if Midnight Court fails to give Even Dawn 7lb this afternoon.

The distance of today's race is ideal for Even Dawn whereas it is probably on the short side for *Midnight Court*. It will also be Midnight Court's first race since he won the SGB Steeplechase at Ascot in December. It would be wrong to expect Midnight Court to be at his peak knowing that his sights are set so firmly on the Gold Cup.

Bachelor's Hall, who will be *one of Midnight Court's principal* rivals at Cheltenham, will have a less orthodox warm-up for the big race when he runs in the Clarke and Smith Handicap Hurdle this afternoon. Visitors to Newbury will also see the final race of the Philip Cornes Saddle of Gold series. This will, I hope, be won by the five-year-old, Lighter, who has made such an impact jumping since his trainer, John Edwards, paid 16,500 guineas for him at Newmarket in the autumn.

At Haydock the Victor Ludorum Hurdle is another race that ought to shed some light on the four year olds' championship. Bootlaces enters the fray fresh from winning the Yellow Pages Hurdle at Kempton last Saturday. This time he will be meeting the runner-up Drummossie, on 5lb worse terms but he still may be capable of beating him again. Beparoejojo and Toirdealbhach have been sent *from Ireland and they may give* us an inkling as to how good Bourbon Street is. By beating them both at Punchestown last Saturday Bourbon Street hinted not for the first time that he will spearhead the strong Irish assault on the Triumph Hurdle.

STATE OF GOING (official): Haydock Park: Steeplechase: Good to soft. Hurdles: Soft. Newbury: Steeplechase: Soft. Hurdles: Heavy. Hereford: Soft. Market Rasen: Soft. Windsor (Monday): Soft. Leicester: Soft.

Santalino to keep his place ahead of Billion

From Desmond Stoneham
French Racing Correspondent

Cagnes-Sur-Mer, March 3

Santalino, who was placed in al 11 of his races last year but was successful only once, has a fine chance of continuing his excellent start to the new season by winning the first valuable event of the year, the Grand Prix du Conseil-General des Alpes-Maritimes here on Sunday.

He made his reappearance in the Prixd'Annot on February 14 and won by three lengths from the principal English hope on *Sunday, Billion, with four more* opponents, Carnegie, Garagna, Devance and Djadab, following them home. Santalino's best performance last year was a second a neck behind Dona Barod [illegible] the group three Coupe d[illegible] Maisons-Laffitte.

Billion should not reverse th[illegible] *form even though he is 2lb bette[illegible]* off and progressed to a victor[illegible] of his own seven days late[illegible] defeating Carvalin and Sharpe[illegible]

The German-owned Sharper ha[illegible] achieved little since his 58 to [illegible] victory in the 1976 Grosser Pre[illegible] von Baden but he has been car[illegible] fully prepared and could prov[illegible] the best outsider. Lester Piggo[illegible] has his first rides in Europe th[illegible] year on Coquito's Prince in th[illegible] event and Old Cosimos in th[illegible] Pix du Cros-de-Cagnes. Coquito['s] Prince has not raced beyond [illegible] furlongs and may find this extr[illegible] quarter-mile too far for him o[illegible] the heavy ground.

Haydock Park programme

[Television (BBC1): 2.15 and 2.45 races]

1.45 OYSTER HURDLE (Handicap: Novices: £767: 2½m)
1 131222 Kelso Chant, B. Wilkinson, 6-12-0 ... A. Harrison 7
3 [illegible] Ballygrass, R. Page, 5-11-11 ... Mr R. Page 5
4 01-121 Pirate Jack, T. Tate, 6-11-11 ... Mr T. Tate 5
5 300021 O'Conna, B. Cambidge, 5-11-10 ... Mr J. Cambidge 7
7 034p0-1 Apple Princess (D), W. Elsey, 5-11-7 ... C. Tinkler
8 44-0013 Forced March, N. Crump, 5-11-4 ... D. Atkins
9 0-21p02 Killora, T. Barron, 6-11-4 ... K. Gray
10 00-2204 Baldur, S. Mellor, 7-11-3 ... J. J. O'Neill
15 4-0020 Master Milan, W. A. Stephenson, 6-10-11 ... T. Stack
16 000343 Mr Dram, A. Dickinson, 5-10-11 ... R. Earnshaw
19 310430 La Valse, T. Gillam, 5-10-10 ... G. Mann 7
21 0-00020 Glenturk, W. A. Stephenson, 5-10-9 ... G. Faulkner
22 000403 Duncansby Head, Miss H. Hamilton, 6-10-9 ... —
23 14-0002 Saucy Eater, T. Barnes, 5-10-9 ... M. Barnes
24 -23-2334 Minimist, D. MacDonald, 5-10-8 ... J. L. Goulding 7
27 3200 Pantlock, D. Barons, 5-10-6 ... P. Leach
28 33-0044 Ex Profesco, G. Richards, 5-10-4 ... D. Goulding
32 20000- Tiger Feet, W. Atkinson, 6-10-1 ... A. Flint 5
33 00-000 Tunnel Master, R. E. Peacock, 5-10-1 ... R. F. Davies
34 0000-0 Brother George, C. Thornton, 5-10-1 ... D. Munro
11-4 Baldur, 7-2 O'Conna, 9-2 Pirate Jack, 6-1 Kelso Chant, 8-1 Forced March, 10-1 Killora, 12-1 Apple Princess, 14-1 Mr Dream, 20-1 others.

2.15 GREENALL WHITLEY BREWERIES STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £7,780: 3m)
202 10-2244 Red Rum (C,D), D. McCain, 13-11-13 ... T. Stack
204 212212 Lucius (D), G. Richards, 9-11-5 ... D. Goulding
206 111113 Allied Carpets, F. Rimell, 6-10-12 ... C. Tinkler
208 111-111 Rambling Jack (D), K. Oliver, 7-10-8 ... R. Barry
209 222u32 Irish Tony (D), N. Crump, 10-10-7 ... D. Atkins
210 3-01312 Rambling Artist (D), T. Gillam, 8-10-6 ... J. J. O'Neill
212 113034 Brown Barman (D), W. A. Stephenson, 6-10-3 ... G. Faulkner
213 014223 Flitgrove, D. Nicholson, 7-10-2 ... J. Suthern
9-4 Rambling Jack, 9-2 Lucius, 5-1 Rambling Artist, 6-1 Irish Tony, 8-1 *Allied Carpets, 12-1 Brown Barman, 14-1 Red Rum, 20-1 Flitgrove.*

2.45 VICTOR LUDORUM HURDLE (4-y-o: £6,685: 2m)
302 f21 Bootlaces (D), D. Barons, 11-9 ... P. Leach
304 111 Within The Law (C-D), M. H. Easterby, 11-9 ... J. J. O'Neill
305 14314 Accelerate, F. Winter, 11-4 ... *Mr N. Henderson*
306 001 Albion Prince (D), F. Rimell, 11-4 ... C. Tinkler
307 241120 Beparoejojo (D), J. Bolger, 11-4 ... R. Barry
308 112 Drummossie (D), M. H. Easterby, 11-4 ... M. Barnes
309 011 Four Fathoms (D), A. Jarvis, 11-4 ... S. J. O'Neill
311 11 Mixed Melody (D), G. Richards, 11-4 ... D. Goulding
312 002232 Morning Lee (D), V. Cross, 11-4 ... —
314 00013 Toirdealbhach (D), D. Hurley, 11-4 ... T. Stack
316 1124 Urser (D), M. W. Easterby, 11-4 ... D. Atkins
317 4310 Big Ben, A. Dickinson, 10-13 ... R. F. Davies
318 003 Hit the Roof, H. Whitaker, 10-13 ... S. Charlton
7-2 Four Fathoms, 4-1 Bootlaces, 9-2 Drummossie, 6-1 Within The Law, 8-1 Beparoejojo, 10-1 Accelerate, 12-1 Urser, 14-1 *Mixed Melody*, 16-1 others.

3.15 MARCH HARE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: Novices: £932: 2½m)
402 f1ff11 Ballet Lord (D), *N. Crump*, 7-11-11 ... *C. Hawkins*
408 12f141 Sanskrit, J. Edwards, 7-10-8 ... —
411 024011 Ingham, S. Nesbitt, 6-10-1 ... —
413 033f13 Prince Maythorn (C), D. Nicholson, 8-10-0 ... R. Mangan
414 103223 Bobbie Gordon (D), G. Richards, 8-10-0 ... D. Goulding
416 142200 Cherry Lad, R. Edwards, 8-10-0 ... A. K. Taylor
417 0-33344 High Fly, O. Barons, 7-10-0 ... *P. Leach*
420 f-24103 Golden Days, D. McCain, 7-10-0 ... R. F. Davies
2-1 Ballet Lord, 5-2 Ingham, 4-1 Sanskrit, 13-2 Bobbie Gordon, 8-1 Prince Maythorn, 10-1 High Fly, 14-1 others.

3.45 ALICE HURDLE (£685: 2m)
501 041023 Blakewin (D), W. Wright, 5-11-12 ... A. G. Hall
502 013432 Frankly Yes (D), F. Barton, 5-11-12 ... K. Gray
503 4d0112 Harrys Fizzale (D), B. Richmond, 5-11-12 ... T. Stack
504 10-0021 Lerazma (D), J. Hardy, 5-11-12 ... C. Tinkler
505 032144 *Lloyd Ardua (D), B. Cambidge, 5-11-12 ... G. Jones*
507 34 Barnie's Bell, O. Brennan, 5-11-7 ... O. Brennan
510 0 Jack's Princess, R. E. Peacock, 5-11-7 ... R. F. Davies
513 000000 Park Lass, A. Percival, 5-11-7 ... R. Barry
515 00p-fp Shady Fox, F. Yardley, 5-11-7 ... A. Lovell 7
518 01120 Le Burn Lady (D), Mrs R. Lomax, 4-11-0 ... Mr M. Brisbourne
519 4 *Baron Hopkins*, W. Jones, 4-10-9 ... *P. Leach*
520 Bravatte, J. Dalton, 4-10-9 ... C. Roberts 7
521 00 Humble, W. Clay, 4-10-9 ... A. K. Taylor
523 0p Jacoba, D. Plant, 4-10-9 ... P. Mangan
526 Mandycap, J. Wilson, 4-10-9 ... J. Holt 7
527 00 Pepperminsky, D. Reston, 4-10-9 ... Mr D. Reston 7
528 340 *Qualuz, M. H. Easterby, 4-10-9 ... J. J. O'Neill*
5-2 Qualuz, 100-30 Lerazma, 4-1 Harrys Fizzale, 11-2 Frankly Yes, 8-1 Blakewin, 12-1 Barnie's Bell, 16-1 others.

4.15 DORMOUSE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,310: 2½m)
604 111f02 King Or Country, D. Barons, 7-11-9 ... P. Leach
607 241-013 Mark Henry, W. Elsey, 7-11-4 ... J. J. O'Neill
609 401400 Half a Sixpence (D), K. Oliver, 13-10-13 Maj H. Bailey 5
610 212131 Arctic Challenge, G. Fairbairn, 8-10-12 ... Mr P. Craggs 5
614 22232 Fidler On The Hoof (BF), K. Oliver, 9-10-9 ... R. Barry
615 11f322 *Lyon del Mar, D. Nicholson, 9-10-6 ... R. Mangan*
616 212313 Battle Hymn (D), H. Nicholson, 9-10-2 ... K. White 7
617 30314-4 Canit (D), Mrs J. Pitman, 8-10-0 ... F. Rimell
618 04f2f Certainly John, S. Norton, 7-10-0 ... G. Graham 3
3-1 Arctic Challenge, 7-2 Mark Henry, 9-2 Fidler On The Hoof, 5-1 Lyon del Mar, 7-1 Battle Hymn, 10-1 Canit, 12-1 others.

4.45 DUCHESS HURDLE (Handicap: £785: 2m)
4 110200- Tammer Fors (D), L. Swaerd, 7-11-4 ... Maj L. Swaerd
5 20-00f4 Tom Morgan, K. Oliver, 9-11-0 ... R. Barry
6 140040 Destiny Hill (D), S. Holland, 7-10-12 ... S. Holland
7 f0112 Majetta Crescent, G. Richards, 5-10-11 ... D. Goulding
9 003003 Master Melody (D), W. Hackett, 7-10-8 ... S. J. O'Neill 5
11 23-3211 Pewter Spear (D), D. McCain, 5-10-5 ... J. J. O'Neill
12 022232 Just Revenge (D), D. Barons, 6-10-5 ... P. Leach
13 1f-3p Burcom Baby (C-D), M. Camacho, 5-10-5 ... Mr D. Oldham 7
14 0311 Siobara (C-D), W. Haigh, 8-10-4 ... S. Charlton 5
15 4-f0003 Mark's Boy (D), A. Jones, 8-10-3 ... P. Steel 5
16 14340- Bartolozzi (D), O. Brennan, 5-10-0 ... O. Brennan
17 12-4421 Tommys Hope (C-D), C. Thornton, 5-10-0 ... K. Goddard 7
18 00-4-1-0 Liebesiled (D), W. Jenks, 6-10-0 ... R. Mangan
21 001202 Game David (D), D. Barons, 5-10-0 ... P. Leach
23 bp2-000 Gentle Knight (D), J. Perrett, 5-10-0 ... Len Griffiths
24 000430 Emma J (C-D), W. Whiston, 10-10-0 ... —
26 000-104 Selby (D), M. H. Easterby, 5-10-0 ... C. Tinkler
28 40101-0 Continhugh (D), R. Whitaker, 7-10-0 ... K. Gray
30 000 Madam Four, Mrs R. Brunt, 6-10-0 ... P. Mangan
4-1 Tommys Hope, 9-2 Siobara, 5-1 Majetta Crescent, 11-2 Pewter Spear, 7-1 Tommy Morgan, 10-1 Master Melody, 12-1 Just Revenge, 14-1 Mark's Boy, 15-1 others.

Haydock Park selections

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1.45 Baldur. 2.15 RAMBLING JACK is specially recommended. 2.45 Bootlaces. 3.15 Ballet Lord. 3.45 Harrys Fizzale. 4.15 Mark Henry. 4.45 Just Revenge.

Hereford programme

[Television (IBA): 2.20, 2.50 and 3.25 races]

1.45 KATIE GAZE MEMORIAL STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £845: 2m)
1 f4-p312 Dulwich (D), C. Davies, 11-12-0 ... P. Warner
2 20-4010 Brown Admiral (D), F. Rimell, 9-11-12 ... J. Burke
3 2-03000 *Churchtown Boy (D), M. Salaman, 11-11-5 ... Mr Ley 7*
5 142311 El Cardo (D), Mrs E. Kennard, 8-11-0 ... P. Richards 3
8 224123 Kabeau (C), M. Oliver, 9-10-8 ... P. Barton
9 41202f- Just Jake (C-D), A. Bishop, 9-10-8 ... P. Evans
11 4pp414 Brandy Fare, R. Shaw, 8-10-2 ... Mr Wilson
12 u41140 Soon For Sale (D), J. Wardle, 6-10-1 ... M. Leak 7
13 1p-0p02 *Hilarity (D), J. Harris, 7-10-0 ... D. Sunderland*
14 310-042 Flickity Prince, G. Bosley, 12-10-0 ... K. Bosley 3
2-1 El Cardo, 7-2 Dulwich, 9-2 Brown Admiral, 5-1 Kabeau, 8-1 Just Jake, 14-1 Hilarity, Brandy Fare, 16-1 others.

2.20 BULMER STRONGBOW HURDLE (Novices Handicap: £1,058: 2½m)
1 f01210 Blue Streaker, F. Rimell, 5-12-0 ... J. Burke
3 0c1200 Silversmith, J. Wardle, 5-11-3 ... M. Leak 7
4 4310 Kildimo Star, N. Gaselee, 5-11-2 ... J. Smith 5
5 0-120 Flagstaff (C-D), T. Forster, 6-11-0 ... G. Thorner
11 04-3p31 Tower Bridge (D), L. Small, 7-10-13 ... R. Hoare 5
12 00-0310 Bold Gerard, D. Gandolfo, 5-10-13 ... P. Barton
13 p0000-4 Pomany Bay, P. Cundell, 7-10-12 ... Dr Chesney
14 3231 Suncharmer, D. Kent, 5-10-12 ... P. Haynes
15 3f0102 Subaltern, R. Shaw, 5-10-11 ... Mr Wilson
17 p-p021 Killulagh Jack, C. Dingwall, 7-10-8 ... H. Evans
18 0-00260 Tudor Ruff, R. Hurley, 6-10-6 ... A. Webber
19 20000 Boxing Match, J. Perrett, [illegible] ... G. Jones
20 022-020 Sounding Arch, D. Plowman, 5-10-6 ... P. O'Brien 5
21 12022-4 Charivari, M. Chapman, 8-10-4 ... J. Kirby 7
22 024200 Bird Cherry, F. Rimell, 5-10-5 ... R. O'Donovan 3
23 602052 Sib Law, T. Wright, 5-10-5 ... R. Evans
24 362200 *Heather Fox, J. Haine, 5-10-0 ... C. Broad 7*
25 000050 Court Express, J. Thorne, 5-10-0 ... M. Bastard 7
4-1 Suncharmer, 5-1 Subaltern, Blue Streaker, 11-2 Kildimo Star, 6-1 Flagstaff, 8-1 Boxing Match, 12-1 Silversmith, Tower Bridge, 11-1 Killulagh Jack, Bird Cherry, 20-1 others.

2.50 OPPORTUNITY HURDLE FINAL (Handicap: £2,005: 2m)
1 100910 Sandy Hill (D), J. Webber, 6-12-0 ... P. O'Brien
2 f0002 Superior Sam (C-D), F. Rimell, 8-11-13 ... R. O'Donovan
3 0-3021 Nescio (D), D. Barons, 7-11-8 ... M. Barrett
5 200131 Saucy Dove (D), G. Price, 6-11-3 ... C. Price
6 321222 Master Thief (D), J. Welch, 7-11-1 ... D. Cooiner
7 021630 Virginia Drive, D. Underwood, 6-11-1 ... J. Redmond
8 00010f Creevelea (C-D), J. Harris, 7-11-0 ... P. Tuck
9 0010 Woeny Bopper (D), J. Webber, 7-10-6 ... R. Mewis
10 113400 What-A-Prince, R. Morris, 5-10-5 ... F. Morris
11 1-000f Shantogan (D), W. Gleeson, 5-10-5 ... D. Goodwin
12 1pp26n Gentle Rose (C-D), M. Chapman, 7-10-0 ... J. Kerly
13 004000 Button Boy (D), N. Ayliffe, 5-10-0 ... M. Ayliffe
3-1 Nescio, 7-2 Master Thief, 4-1 Superior Sam, Saucy Dove, 8-1 Virginia Drive, 10-1 Sandy Hill, 12-1 What-A-Prince, 14-1 Creevelea, Gentle Rose, 20-1 others.

Market Rasen programme

[Television (IBA): 2.35, 3.5 and 3.40 races]

1.30 MARCH STEEPLECHASE (Div I: Novices: £622: 2m)
1 004134 Irish Quicksteps, S. Nattriss, 8-11-9 ... M. Lowry 3
4 400-12f Roi Rig, W. Stephenson, 5-11-5 ... K. McCauley
9 201202 Charbonnier, P. Bailey, 7-11-2 ... A. Dickman
16 033fu2 Heldelberg, Mrs D. Oughton, 9-11-2 ... Mr D. Oughton 7
18 Lambley Lad, W. Hardy, 6-11-2 ... A. Brown 5
21 b33020 Pickwood Knight, J. Leigh, 6-11-2 ... J. Beaton 5
24 0 Remina, B. McMahon, 8-11-2 ... —
26 240-pfb Sarah Louise, J. Spearing, 7-11-2 ... —
28 000 Spring Stone, W. Clay, 9-11-2 ... N. Clay
31 044033 Crook of Devon, F. Gilman, 5-10-10 ... T. Casey
34 p-0000f Home Turn, D. Nicholson, 6-10-10 ... R. Dickin
7-4 *Heldelberg, 5-2 Charbonnier*, 5-1 Roi Rig, 13-8 Irish Quicksteps, 10-1 Pickwood Knight, 14-1 Crook of Devon, 16-1 *others*.

2.0 MARCH STEEPLECHASE (Div II: Novices: £620: 2m)
8 00p0-p Captain Kenneth, Mrs P. Sly, 7-11-2 ... P. J. Kelly
11 00f2f0 Couteau, M. Ryan, 7-11-2 ... A. Coogan 7
17 00000 Inventory, R. Redgrave, 10-11-2 ... Mr P. Harris 7
19 000-000 More Luck, D. Morley, 6-11-2 ... B. R. Davies
22 0 Policy Lad, H. Fleming, 6-11-2 ... P. James
25 40-3000 Roast Chestnut, S. Palmer, 8-11-2 ... M. Lowry 3
27 p40pp Sicady, Mrs J. French, 8-11-2 ... Mrs S. French 7
29 u-f Whispering Grass, V. Thompson, 7-11-2 ... Mr J. Walton
30 00003 Buckville, W. A. Stephenson, 5-10-10 ... Mr T. G. Dun 7
32 000-0 Dayge, F. Coton, 5-10-10 ... N. Balmer 5
35 0 Kilnameal, A. Jarvis, 5-10-10 ... K. McCauley
11-8 Couteau, 15-8 Buckville, 9-2 More Luck, 12-1 Roast Chestnut, 20-1 others.

2.35 VICTOR LUCAS HURDLE (Novices: £1,447: 3m)
4 1 Cavity Hunter, A. Dickinson, 5-11-12 ... B. R. Davies
5 314340 Island Star, P. Felgate, 5-11-12 ... J. Pearce
6 0p Ann's Brig, G. Vergette, 6-11-9 ... *P. J. Kelly*
8 pfpf0p Burghwallis, A. Watson, 6-11-9 ... P. A. Charlton
9 003020 Dalket, R. Wright, 13-11-9 ... Mr J. Wright 7
11 0000-00 Flying Straight, Mrs D. Oughton, 6-11-9 ... N. Holman 5
12 0p00p- Graffiti, W. A. Stephenson, 7-11-9 ... —
13 Meeminor, J. A. Turner, 6-11-9 ... K. McCauley
15 North Star, J. Thorpe, 6-11-9 ... —
16 p0040 Pipe Cleaner, J. Blundell, 7-11-9 ... A. Brown 5
17 002p40- Portate, J. Hall, 8-11-9 ... Mr R. Carter 7
20 43-33 Wrekin Pursuit, W. A. Stephenson, 7-11-9 ... Mr T. G. Dun 7
24 30 High Trail, W. Guest, 5-11-7 ... D. Guest 7
25 00-0202 Lord Ancholme, H. Wharton, 5-11-7 ... R. Dickin
26 00000- Periwinkle, V. Thompson, 5-11-7 ... *Mr J. Walton*
27 00 Sanpello, J. Berry, 5-11-7 ... S. Houlter 7
29 Upleadon Belle, J. Leigh, 6-11-7 ... J. Beaton 5
30 00 Whitgoe, S. Nattriss, 5-11-7 ... A. Nightingale 7
31 420040 Before Eight, A. Rumsey, 4-10-12 ... M. Charlesworth 7
32 Fair Arctic, V. Thompson, 4-10-7 ... K. McCauley
33 40000 Never Flap, V. Thompson, 4-10-7 ... Mr S. *Kettlewell* 7
1-2 Cavity Hunter, 7-2 Wrekin Pursuit, 10-1 Lord Ancholme, 14-1 Island Star, 16-1 Before Eight, 25-1 others.

3.5 COX MOORE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,581: 3m)
3 4-21012 Jer, W. Clay, 7-11-7 ... N. Clay
4 023- Satanic Hymn (D), G. Fairbairn, 9-11-3 ... Mr G. Sloan
5 040233 Scorton Boy (C-D), Denys Smith, 9-10-13 ... A. Dickman
6 21f414 Red Earl, J. Berry, 9-10-12 ... —
7 242110 Supreme Sail (C), V. Thompson, 7-10-6 ... Mr J. Walton
9 f0p-330 Willy What (D), S. Mellor, 9-10-5 ... A. Carroll
10 f3u203 Yellow Stone (D), G. Vergette, 8-10-0 ... P. J. Kelly
11 p Arctic Glen (C), J. Leigh, 8-10-0 ... R. Dickin
12 p00204- Blonde Viking (C-D), A. Watson, 13-10-0 ... P. A. Charlton
13 04-030 My Captain, D. Morley, 9-10-0 ... B. R. Davies
14 0fp-pp0 Garryvoe, B. Richmond, 10-10-0 ... K. McCauley
7-2 Scorton Boy, 9-2 Jer, 11-2 Red Earl, 6-1 Yellow Stone, 10-1 My Captain, 12-1 Satanic Hymn, 14-1 Willy What, Supreme Sail, 16-1 others.

3.40 NEWARK STORAGE HURDLE (4-y-o: £1,320: 2m)
1 011 *Four Fathoms (D), A. Jarvis, 11-5 ... —
2 132131 Freight Forwarder (D), A. Pitt, 11-5 ... T. Cox 7
3 1010 Henry Hotfoot (D), E. Carter, 11-5 ... M. Lawry 3
4 113 Royal Legend (D), M. H. Easterby, 11-5 ... A. Brown 5
6 421 Bargan (D), Denys Smith, 11-1 ... A. Dickman
12 122303 Star Music (D), L. Furman, 11-1 ... R. Goldstein 7
15 030 Briareus, J. FitzGerald, 10-10 ... P. A. Charlton
18 020042 Romany Light, J. Leigh, 10-10 ... J. Beaton 5
6-4 Royal Legend, 9-4 Bargan, 9-2 Freight Forwarder, 10-1 Henry Hotfoot, 12-1 Briareus, 16-1 Star Music, 20-1 others.

4.10 OVREVOLL TROPHY HURDLE (Handicap: £965: 2½m)
2 000232 Monte Ceco, E. Owen, jun, 5-12-0 ... N. Balmer 5
5 413230 Katmandu, E. Carter, 5-11-11 ... M. Lawry 3
8 0p03fp Chiquers (D), J. A. Turner, 6-10-13 ... K. McCauley
9 240-020 Hornel, J. Bingham, 5-10-8 ... J. Pearce
10 2-30000 Easy Commission, D. Morley, 6-10-7 ... B. R. Davies
11 0140-00 Carolinian, S. Palmer, 5-10-5 ... A. Brown 5
13 4-43 Luckey Mate, R. Wright, 12-10-0 ... P. A. Charlton
14 414000 Grinling Gibbons, G. Vergette, 6-10-0 ... P. J. Kelly
16 000000 *Tark (C,D), L. Furman, 6-10-0 ... R. Goldstein 7*
17 000 Don Fezard (D), R. Wall, 7-10-0 ... J. Barlow 5
20 00p0-0p Naivasha (D), A. Potts, 5-10-0 ... J. Jusen 7
31 104024- Blighty, R. Shelley, 7-10-0 ... —
33 400434 Pinewood Grange, T. Kersey, 5-10-0 ... G. Kersey 7
5-2 Monte Ceco, 7-2 Katmandu, 5-1 Luckey Mate, 6-1 Hornel, 8-1 Easy Commission, 10-1 Grinling Gibbons, 12-1 Pinewood Grange, 14-1 others.

4.40 HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £549: 3m)
1 f0430-1 Verona Bay, R. Barr, 8-12-10 ... Mr T. Walford 7
2 00-a2 Brave Chap, G. Vergette, 10-12-0 ... Mr S. Curley 7
3 03- Chief Witness, Mrs R. Newton, 8-12-0 ... Mr J. Newton
5 b000-0f Choral Prince, G. Fairbairn, 6-12-0 ... Mr G. Sloan
6 4- Just Musk, N. Foster, 11-12-0 ... —
10 p- King Caractacus, Mrs J. French, 14-12-0 ... Mrs S. French 7
11 0 Lacedaemon, R. Bethell, 9-12-0 ... Mr W. Bethell 7
13 22032p- Megs Well, Mrs J. Cookson, 9-12-0 ... Mr W. Brown 7
14 Mr Ten Per Cent, J. Bealby, 7-12-0 ... Mr R. Morris 7
15 Oxspring, S. Norton, 9-12-0 ... —
16 Persian Way, Mrs J. French, 7-12-0 ... Miss S. French 7
20 Sunda Princess, Mrs S. Mollett, 8-12-0 ... Mr R. Bennett 7
13-8 *Verona Bay*, 3-1 *Megs Well*, 5-1 *Just Musk*, 8-1 *Chief Witness*, 10-1 Choral Prince, 12-1 Brave Chap, 14-1 others.
*Doubtful runner

Market Rasen selections

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1.30 Charbonnier. 2.0 Couteau. 2.35 Cavity Hunter. 3.5 Jer. 3.40 Freight Forwarder. 4.10 Katmandu. 4.40 Verona Bay.

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2.0 Couteau. 2.35 High Trail. 3.5 My Captain. 4.10 Easy Commission.

3.25 SUN VALLEY STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £1,589: 2½m)
2 11bp33 Another Dolly (D), F. Rimell, 8-11-11 ... J. Burke
8 212112 True Wish, A. Dickinson, 6-11-11 ... M. Dickinson
11 3414 Forty Lines, D. Chesney, 9-11-8 ... Dr Chesney
16 fpf Black Auster, L. Merson, 8-11-4 ... K. Bosley 3
22 p0000-p Fastina, M. Scudamore, 6-11-4 ... —
23 03-03f2 Firing Line, B. Cambidge, 7-11-4 ... R. Crank
24 44-2440 Fishermans Cot, Mrs E. Kennard, 7-11-4 ... P. Richards 3
25 400-134 Flash Imp, D. Kent, 9-11-4 ... P. Haynes
26 0 Garter Wood, D. Oseman, 9-11-4 ... —
27 1000-pp Hartley Hill, O. O'Neill, 7-11-4 ... M. Caswell 5
30 f Kevlin Road, W. Morgan, 7-11-4 ... *H. Davies 7*
31 af-ff00 Lanky Jack, M. Scudamore, 7-11-4 ... R. Kington
34 300- Robeson, W. Williams, 7-11-4 ... M. Barrett 7
35 04pp0f Royal Ring II, M. Chapman, 10-11-4 ... J. Kerly 7
37 0000p-p Tribesman, V. Lay, 8-11-4 ... D. Sunderland
39 00001f Wilmore, J. Wright, 7-11-4 ... R. Evans
5-2 True Wish, 4-1 Another Dolly, 5-1 Flash Imp, Forty Lines, 6-1 Firing Line, 8-1 Wilmore, 12-1 Fishermans Cot, 20-1 others.

3.55 HARRY ISAACS CUP STEEPLECHASE (£1,305: 3m)
1 123241 Autumn Rain (D), A. Dickinson, 7-11-11 ... M. Dickinson
7 1f0300- Over Acting (D), G. Balding, 9-11-11 ... I. Geffie 7
10 044413 Tessie's Boy, M. Oliver, 8-11-11 ... Mr Weston 3
13 22-0200 Moorabinda, H. Hanmer, 8-11-6 ... Mr Hanmer 7
14 13-0003 My Babby (C), E. Evans, 8-11-6 ... Mr Johnson 7
15 0-00102 Nimrody, D. Kent, 7-11-6 ... P. Haynes
11-8 Autumn Rain, 9-4 Nimrody, 5-1 Tessie's Boy, 8-1 My Babby, 12-1 Moorabinda, 16-1 Over Acting.

4.25 BODENHAM STEEPLECHASE (£364: 2½m)
1 p1f112- High Prospect (C), J. Edwards, 8-12-7 ... —
2 0f203p- Parnasus (C-D), W. Owens, 11-12-7 ... Mr Owens
3 1p4142- Toscason (C-D), W. Bishop, 10-12-7 ... Mr Weston 3
4 ff- Black Rogue, J. Hurley, 10-12-0 ... Mr Stevens 7
5 Eoid Bounty, Miss C. Barnes, 9-12-0 ... —
6 04- Clear Pride, Mrs P. Jones, 7-12-0 ... —
7 Davey Rhodyn, P. House, 9-12-0 ... Mr House 7
8 f04- Green Path, R. Pocock, 7-12-0 ... Mr Edwards 7
9 Lazy Lady, Mrs V. McNamara, 8-12-0 ... Mr Robinson 7
10 Orient Dancer, C. Popham, 7-12-0 ... Mr Popham 7
11 Railway Line, J. Mathews, 6-12-0 ... Mr Matthews 7
12 3400- *Saltus, F. Richards, 9-12-0* ... —
13 puupp- Tarriman, B. Hicks, 10-12-0 ... Mr Collins 7
14 Tic-Tack Lady, R. Sharp, 6-12-0 ... Mr Sharp 7
Evens High Prospect, 7-2 Toscason, 4-1 Parnasus, 8-1 Green Path, 12-1 Orient Dancer, 20-1 others.

Hereford selections

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1.45 El Cardo. 2.20 Blue Streaker. 2.50 Nescio. 3.25 True Wish. 3.55 Autumn Rain. 4.25 Parnasus.

Newbury programme

[Television (BBC 1): 1.30, 2.0 and 2.30 races]

1.30 HIGHCLERE HURDLE (4-y-o novices: £3,065: 2m 100yd)
2 1 Ragabash, R. Hannon, 11-8 ... A. Turnel[l]
3 1 Major Thompson, M. H. Easterby, 11-4 ... *I. Watkinson*
5 424 Alliyre, D. Underwood, 11-0 ... J. King
7 0 Bright Swan, S. Matthews, 11-0 ... —
8 Cerus, B. Hills, 11-0 ... James Guest
10 20 Christopher Robin, P. Cundell, 11-0 ... M. O'Halloran
14 Joss-Stick, J. Cann, 11-0 ... S. G. Knight
17 *Law Abiding, N. Gaselee*, 11-0 ... M. Floyd
18 00 Lord of Misrule, C. Dingwall, 11-0 ... D. O'Donovan
19 310 MacKelly, J. Old, 11-0 ... C. Candy
20 00000 Mercy Flight, R. Turnell, 11-0 ... A. Holder
21 My Tutor, R. Smyth, 11-0 ... R. Forsyth
22 010 Night Porter, Miss A. Sinclair, 11-0 ... R. Rowell
24 3 Pennymoor, N. Wakley, 11-0 ... N. Wakley
25 3 Royal Boxer, F. Walwyn, 11-0 ... W. Smith
26 20 Seago, D. Ancil, 11-0 ... E. Waite
29 lu Strathclyde, F. Winter, 11-0 ... J. Francome
31 000 The Czar, R. Turnell, 11-0 ... S. Knight
7-4 Ragabash, 11-4 Major Thompson, 7-1 Royal Boxer, 10-1 The Czar, Mercy Flight, 12-1 Night Porter, 14-1 MacKelly, 16-1 Alliyre, Cerus, Seago, 20-1 others.

2.0 SAM COWAN STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £3,782: 2½m)
201 32-0121 Sweet Joe, Thomson Jones, 6-11-12 ... S. Smith Eccles
202 122211 Alverton, M. H. Easterby, 8-11-8 ... I. Watkinson
205 033-402 Andrew Patrick, R. Turnell, 7-11-4 ... A. Turnell
207 0a00 Current Chance, F. A. Smith, 7-11-4 ... C. Brown
210 0- Icebreaker, T. Forster, 8-11-4 ... J. Marshall
211 422011 Jan Stewer, J. Gifford, 8-11-4 ... B. Champion
212 030101 Midsummer Lad, F. Walwyn, 7-11-4 ... W. Smith
213 11-3 *Serpent's Three, A. Jarvis, 6-11-4 ... —
215 00-4333 *Valiant Charger*, F. Winter, 7-11-4 ... J. Francome
11-8 Alverton, 9-4 Sweet Joe, 7-1 Jan Stewer, 10-1 Midsummer Lad, Andrew Patrick, 13-1 Valiant Charger, 25-1 others.

2.30 SADDLE OF GOLD HURDLE FINAL (£4,542: 3m 120yd)
301 2-22111 *Ballyfin Lake*, F. Winter, 7-11-5 ... J. Francome
305 010410 Copper Bar, A. Hobbs, 6-11-0 ... P. Hobbs
306 01011 Foreign Legion, C. James, 7-11-0 ... G. McNally
308 3-110p0 *Master Ribot, D. Kent, 7-11-0 ... —
309 0-00102 *Nimrody, D. Kent, 7-11-0 ... —
310 0-0f030 Prince Kumar VI, M. Oliver, 6-11-0 ... —
312 434 Top Straight, A. Smith, 6-11-0 ... N. Tinkler
314 230000 Biou Hemel, H. Ford, 5-10-12 ... I. Watkinson
316 11 Lighter, J. Edwards, 5-10-12 ... P. Blacker
317 f02 Padaki, R. Hollinshead, 5-10-12 ... C. Astbury
11-10 Lighter, 3-1 Ballyfin Lake, 10-1 Top Straight, 12-1 Foreign Legion, 14-1 Copper Bar, 16-1 Padaki, 20-1 Prince Kumar VI, 66-1 Biou Hemel.

3.0 GEOFFREY GILBEY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £3,470: 2½m)
401 12-1111 Midnight Court (C-D), F. Winter, 7-12-0 ... J. Francome
403 411211- Even Dawn (C-D), B. Lunness, 11-11-7 ... G. Holmes
406 243111 *Commandant (D), G. Balding*, 6-11-0 ... R. Linley
407 213213 Ireland's Owen (D), J. Edwards, 9-11-0 ... P. Blacker
408 00-f Otter Way, O. Carter, 10-10-12 ... J. King
409 3-20130 Young Arthur (C-D), D. Kent, 9-10-7 ... A. Webb 5
410 344111 Number Engaged, F. Walwyn, 10-10-2 ... Mr Shilton 7
415 0-22urs Indubitably, J. Baker, 7-10-0 ... S. May
1-2 Midnight Court, 11-2 Even Dawn, 8-1 Commandant, 10-1 Number Engaged, 14-1 Ireland's Owen, 16-1 Young Arthur, 25-1 Otter Way, 100-1 Indubitably.

3.30 CLARKE AND SMITH HURDLE (Handicap: £1,856: 2m 100yd)
501 3211-04 Acquaint, F. Winter, 7-12-1 ... James Guest
502 23-2300 Peterhof, F. Walwyn, 6-12-0 ... W. Smith
503 Attivo (C), P. Mitchell, 8-11-5 ... R. Forsyth 7
504 013113 Rusthall, F. Walwyn, 5-11-5 ... K. Mooney 5
505 11141-0 *The Boy, D. Nugent*, 7-11-5 ... S. Jobar
507 001-044 Stopped, F. Winter, 6-11-0 ... J. Francome
509 1-10104 Successor, R. Turnell, 9-11-0 ... E. Waite 7
511 021211 Paper Rich, A. Goodwill, 6-10-12 ... S. Smith Eccles
513 1-41113 Bachelor's Hall, P. Cundell, 8-10-7 ... M. O'Halloran
514 100100 Hot Hand, J. Baker, 6-10-6 ... John Williams
519 p0043-4 Goose Pimple (C), J. Gifford, 5-10-0 ... *G. Enright*
521 432100 Tallow Lane, N. Wakley, 6-10-0 ... N. Wakley
524 0202-0 Ferno, P. M. Taylor, 12-10-0 ... J. Kear 7
525 Bill Hobbs, G. Balding, 6-10-0 ... B. Reilly 7
4-1 Rusthall, 9-2 Peterhof, 11-2 Attivo, 13-2 Stopped, 8-1 Acquaint, 10-1 Paper Rich, Successor, 12-1 Hot Hand, 16-1 The Boy, Bachelor's Hall, 20-1 others.

4.0 ARKELL BREWERY STEEPLECHASE (£1,861.60: 3¼m 82yd)
603 423041- *Devil's Walk, M. Bishop, 10-12-5 ... Mr Rooney 7*
606 13111-0 Long Lane, R. Shepherd, 10-12-5 ... Mr R. Sheppard
607 431123- Precious Jem, L. Norris, 9-12-5 ... Mr Adams 7
608 p-0 South Side, M. Francis, 13-12-5 ... Mr Wates 7
610 111-241 Timmie's Battle, W. A. Stephenson, 7-12-5 ... Mr Greenall
611 2223-0 Adulation, R. Roberts, 11-12-0 ... Mr Roberts 7
612 0p4400- *Saracche, G. Peter-Hoblyn*, 9-12-0 ... Mr Waley-Cohen 7
613 0003-3 Bramwell Boy, Mrs M. Easton, 11-12-0 ... Mr Batters 7
614 2- Champers Galore, Mrs H. Lilley, 12-12-0 Mr Munro-Wilson 7
615 221-220 Double Action, P. Brookshaw, 7-12-0 ... Mr Brookshaw 5
617 0- Gipsy Love (C), R. Manners, 8-12-0 ... Mr Broomfield 7
618 Kingrallah, P. Doran, 12-12-0 ... Mr Doran 7
621 41- Talahache Bridge, Mrs T. Betts, 8-12-0 ... Mr Betts 7
624 300000- Makadir, J. Edwards, 10-11-9 ... —
626 Royal Guide, N. Rainford, 7-11-9 ... Mr Rainford 7
6-4 Timmie's Battle, 5-1 Long Lane, 7-1 Devil's Walk, 10-1 Precious Jem, 12-1 Double Action, 14-1 Champers Galore, Bramwell Boy, 16-1 Adulation, Gipsy Love, 20-1 Talahache Bridge, 25-1 others.
* Doubtful runner.

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2.0 Sweet Joe. 3.0 Even Dawn. 3.30 Paper Rich.

Yesterday's results at Ludlow

[illegible] **BULL RING HURDLE** (Div I: Novices: [illegible] 2m [illegible] 50yd)
Silage, b g, by [illegible]—[illegible] (7-12) [illegible] Smith-Eccles [illegible] 1
Lantern Boy ... [illegible] 2
Reservist ... A. Webb (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: [illegible] Mighty Runner, [illegible] Flute [illegible], 25-1 Silva, Southern Pines, [illegible] Barton [illegible] Treasure, Darling [illegible] (4th), [illegible] Tudor [illegible] 15 ran.
TOTE: Win, [illegible] places, [illegible]; dual forecast, [illegible]. I. Wardle, at Wells. [illegible]

[illegible] **OTELEY STEEPLECHASE** ([illegible] 3m)
Conchita II, [illegible] Hiredaw [illegible] 1
Mountolive [illegible] 2
Spartan Sandal Mr P. Brookshaw (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav High Ken (4th), [illegible] Canbe, 7-1 Teddy Bear II, 10-1 *Straight Vulgan*, [illegible] *Callie Colour*, [illegible] Patent, 20-1 Pelegro, 25-1 Hidden Treasure, Little Chef (pu), Mys[illegible] Pine [illegible] Caddum [illegible] Dancer (f), Rufflette [illegible] The Wash (pu). 19 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.65; places, 3p, 28p, [illegible]; dual forecast, £1.08. R. Nichols, at Wedmore. Hd, 2½l.

[illegible] (2.50) **BULL RING HURDLE** (Div II: Novices: [illegible] 2m 1f 50yds)
High Blaze, ch h, by High Hat—Potheen, 6-11-2 A. Webb (8-1) 1
Gullsway Mr J. Carden (7-2 jt fav) 2
Proud Empire S. G. Davies (6-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 jt fav Big Charles, 7-1 King Offa, 8-1 Young Geoff, 10-1 Green Turra (f), 12-1 Mirandola, [illegible] Bold Lord, 20-1 Beau Lord, [illegible] Lad, 25-1 Bright Fergus, Great Ball, Highdown, 33-1 Calm Ship, Cheerful Tudor, Cherundus, Holy Red (pu), Martian Wisdom, Persian Gift, Space [illegible], Tuin Scale (4th). 22 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.97; places, 58p, 11p, [illegible]; dual forecast, £4.41. K. Morgan, at Prestwich. 6l, 10l.

3.15 (3.18) **TENBURY STEEPLECHASE** (Novices Handicap: £673: 2m)
Space Project, b g, by Verrieres—*Futurenia*, 8-12-7 R. Hyett (2-1) 1
Prince of Normandy R. F. Davies (15-2) 2
Jacko ... R. Mangan (evens) 3
ALSO RAN: 10-1 Beck n Call (4th), 25-1 Miss Kilo, 33-1 Brooklaw (pu), Zonta, 50-1 Dim Ulsdean. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 43p; places, 15p, 18p, 11p; dual forecast, 58p. R. Brown, at Abergavenny. 4l, 1l.

3.45 (3.47) **KNIGHTON STEEPLECHASE** (Handicap: £815: 2m)
Roc Imp, br g, by Pindmo—Rocita, 7-10-0 ... G. Jones (8-1) 1
Golden Warrior ... R. Hyett (15-1) 2
Co-Partner II ... F. Davies (2-1 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-2 Stanway Lad, 7-1 Malford Grove, 16-1 Rosabormigh (4th), 25-1 Regal Bird, 100-1 Border Lareit (pu). 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 82p; places, 11p, 24p, 12p; dual forecast, £7.52. J. Bradley, at Chepstow. 2½l, 5l.

4.15 (4.19) **BULL RING HURDLE** (Div III: Novices: £434: 2m 1f 50yd)
Melody River, br g, by Mr Swanee—Winter Serenade, 5-11-7 S. Morshead (8-1) 1
I'm A Driver M. Dickinson (2-7) 2
Spice ... P. Barry (50-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 10-1 George Kirtland, 16-1 Kalabrakil (4th), 33-1 Flamenco Surprise, Jolly Smooth, London Glory, Slightly Bent, 50-1 Don Enrico, Fintra Bay, Gallant Oak, Glenann, Grey Manicou, Joes Nephew, Lanson Lady, Laputum, Miss Haynes, Morgan's Star, Mr Moses, Painted Sky, Sally Potheen. 22 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.88; places, 47p, 11p, £2.81; dual forecast, 30p. J. Edwards, at Leominster. 10l, 4l.

4.45 (4.49) **BULL RING HURDLE** (Div I: Novices: £557: 2m 1f 50yd)
Gay Park, b m, by Pardigras—Go Gay, 5-11-7 P. Hobbs (7-4) 1
Nicola Lisa Mr C. Saunders (25-1) 2
Zonari ... M. Dickinson (10-11) 3
ALSO RAN: 12-1 Drifting Smoke (4th), 20-1 *Articlac, Neatly Royal*, 33-1 Barney Boy, Dandy's Last, First Bond, Gutlaw, Royal Tanner, Talspirit. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 69p; places, 17p, 37p, 11p; dual forecast, £2.92. A. Hobbs, at Minehead. 1l, nk.
TOTE DOUBLE: High Blaze and Roc Imp, £26.60. TREBLE: Conchita II, Space Project and Melody River.

Newbury results

2.0 (2.0) **WHATCOMBE HURDLE** (Div I: Novices: £848: 2m 100yds)
Killwaren, b g, by Brave Invader—Anall (D. Geake), 5-11-11 J. Francome (7-2 fav) 1
Palmerston .. P. Burgoyne (9-2) 2
Scott Joplyn .. J. Smith (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Pride of Tennessee, 9-1 Colonial Lad, 10-1 Knockhagin, 14-1 Corby Glen, 35-1 Monkswell (4th), Clog Dance, Border Star, Code breaker, Corrib, 33-1 Country Lass, Verity, Double Inn, Harlequin, Niagara Rhythm (f), The Ommaroo, Waleralde, Young Alto. 20 ran.
TOTE: Win, 36p; places, 11p, 13p, 41p; *dual forecast*, 70p. F. Winter, at Lambourn. 6l, nk. Prousto did not run.

2.30 (2.30) **BURFORD CHASE** (Div I: Novices: £897: 3m)
Queen's College, br g, by College Green—Queen of the Isle (Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother), 7-11-11 ... W. Smith (5-1) 1
Nelson Bay ... M. Barrett (14-1) 2
Astral Charmer .. J. Suthern (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Balgo (4th), 11-4 Serpent's Three (f), 10-1 Burcott Lad, 12-1 Tingledu, 20-1 Comedy Time (f), Flying Prince, 25-1 Dinaraise (pu), 33-1 The Sieben (pu), Walberswick (pu). 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 35p; places, 18p, 25p, 19p; dual forecast, £3.36. F. Walwyn, at Lambourn.

3.0 (3.1) **MARCH HARE HURDLE** (Handicap: 4-y-o: £1,272: 2m 100yds)
Whinney Brae, b g, by Major Portion—Prim Dol (A. Brown), 10-5 ...... R. R. Evans (8-1) 1
Barley Boy R. C. Bailey (13-8 fav) 2
Sad Love ...... R. Atkins (6-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 All Amber, 7-1 *Cindermouse, Rial*, 12-1 *Officially* (4th), 25-1 Pontylay. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 56p; places, 16p, 19p, 25p; dual forecast, £1.04. G. Kindersley, at East Garston. 5l, 4l.

3.30 (3.30) **SNELSMORE STEEPLECHASE** (Handicap: £1,567: 2m 160yd)
Desert Wind, b g, by Dear Gazelle—Ballyrory (Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother), 6-10-10 W. Smith (9-4 fav) 1
Fireslik ...... R. Linley (4-1) 2
Copid ...... G. Thorner (4-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-4 Tenecoon (4th), 9-1 Kininvie. 5 ran.
TOTE: Win, 26p; dual forecast, 52p. F. Walwyn, at Lambourn. ¾l, 3l.

4.0 (4.2) **BATH ROAD HANDICAP HURDLE** (Handicap: £1,454: 3m 120 yds)
Uncle Leslie, ch h, by Tompion—Bringley (Greenwood Electronics), 7-11-0 J. Francome (16-1) 1
Albury Lad M. *Blackshaw* (14-1) 2
Sound Prospect G. Thorner (9-4 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Tragus, 8-1 No Retreat (f), 12-1 Grand Rose, Hay Bridge, Hogan Hills, In Vision, 16-1 Timjon Rixim (4th), Needcombe, 20-1 Satan Power, 33-1 Loving Words, Chameleon, Kassrup, King's Hazard, Dismasted, Winslow Boy. 18 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.26; places, 38p, 59p, 13p, 69p; dual forecast, £5.59. R. Head, at Upper Lambourn. ¾l, 1½l.

4.30 (4.32) **BURFORD STEEPLECHASE** (Div II: £896: 3m)
Mafia King, b g, by Tycoon II—Tiberetta (E. Courage), 7-11-11 A. Webber (12-1) 1
Greek Salute .. G. Thorner (7-1) 2
William Penn .. I. Watkinson (6-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Physicist (f), 5-1 Emperor's Gift, 9-1 Cold Spell (pu), 16-1 Grand Duke II (f), Royal Romance (4th), 20-1 Beeno (f), 33-1 Stonewaller (pu), Tiepin (ur). 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.46; places, 24p, 24p, 19p; dual forecast, £2.58. E. R. Courage, at Banbury. 1l, 10l.

5.0 (5.3) **WHATCOMBE HURDLE** (Div II: Novices: £890: 2m 100yd)
Home Brew, b g, by Styye Grange—White Shield (Miss A. Lawrence), 6-11-7 B. R. Davies (9-4 fav) 1
The Corinthian I. Watkinson (9-2) 2
St Joles Mr N. Henderson (6-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 10-1 Legal Branch (4th), Typhonic, 12-1 Princely Rifle, 14-1 Ribramble, 20-1 Border Gem, Captain Buck, Clems Dream, Maytide (f), Upham Royal, Warrior King, 25-1 Kirkstone Pass, 33-1 Prince Shor, Gale Forecast, Grand Slam II, Priory Lad, Knockeulin, Bozangiris, Foxworthy, Kings North, Lorn-da-ret, Masterful. 24 ran.
TOTE: Win, 30p; places, 16p, 32p, 43p; dual forecast, 41p. R. Head, at Upper Lambourn. 12l, 1l.
TOTE DOUBLE: Whinney Brae and Uncle Leslie, £29.55. TREBLE: Queen's College, *Desert Wind* and *Mafia King*, £201.25.
JACKPOT: Pool of £872.50 carried forward.
PLACEPOT: £105.40.

Haydock Park

1.45 (1.48) **TWEEDLEDUM HURDLE** (Novices: £758: 3m)
Mayhem, b g, by Maystreak—Amaconda (R. Metcalfe), 5-11-13 J. J. O'Neill (1-2) ... 1
Eirean Star, S. Jobar (6-1) ... 2
Red Sun, D. Munro (7-1) ... 3
ALSO RAN: 33-1 China God, Helbert, Just Tam, Next Tomorrow, Norman Bank (4th), Perfect Fit, Summering, 50-1 Alpro, Aituna (f), Curlew Abbey, Donogue, General Mite, Isaac Singer, Emmabel. 17 ran.
TOTE: Win, 14p; places, 11p, 12p, 17p; *dual forecast*, 28p. M. Camacho, at Tadcaster. 8l, 6l.

2.15 (2.18) **MAD HATTER STEEPLECHASE** (Novices: £1,024: 3m)
The Alickadoo, b g, by Fighting Charlie—Princess Flora (S. Childs), 8-12-5, J. J. O'Neill (5-4 fav) ... 1
Lord Braz, Mr T. Tate (4-1) ... 2
Hal's Slave Mr T. G. Dun (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 8-1 Narvik, 10-1 Flap Jack, 16-1 Dunyasha (f), 20-1 Silent Comfort (4th), Wagner, 25-1 Flemingstown, 33-1 Rathowen, 50-1 Gaelic Dancer (pu). 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 30p; places, 13p, 19p, 12p; dual forecast, 26p. M. H. Easterby, at Malton. 6l, 2½l. Crane Moor did not run.

2.45 (2.48) **LEWIS CARROLL HURDLE** (Handicap: £827: 2½m)
Vimy Ridge, br g, by Linacre—Vimy Line (W. A. Stephenson), 6-11-4, Mr T. G. Dun (13-8 fav) 1
Et Tu, Mr C. Cundall (5-1) ... 2
Regal Jester, Brooke Sanders (14-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-2 Breeze Wagon, 12-1 Think Big, 14-1 Straight Phase, 16-1 Forest Guard, Montreal Boy (pu), 20-1 Golden Murry (4th), 33-1 Wistanwick, Aureleate, 50-1 Lo'leda, Prince Ardent (f), Historic Myth, Reikotime, Cagny Boy, Flight Lass, Treble Gold, Sweet Ugly. 19 ran.
TOTE: Win, 31p; places, 14p, 11p, 48p, 54p; dual forecast, 79p. W. A. Stephenson-Bishop Auckland. ¾l, 6l.

3.15 (3.17) **WHITE RABBIT STEEPLECHASE** (£1,200: 2m)
Gone Out, ch g, by Le Tricolore—C'est L'amour (R. Wilson), 8-10-0 ... P. Mangan (10-1) 1
Day To Day S. Charlton (20-1) 2
Sea Count .. D. Goulding (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 2-1 *It fav Bold Warrior* (4th), Birdland (ur), 6-1 John Brown (pu), 20-1 Chartist (pu), Foreign Field, Our Arthur (pu). 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.04; places, 14p, 41p, 19p; dual forecast, £8.42. J. Wilson, at *Motherwell*. 7l, 1½l.

3.45 (3.48) **HUMPTY DUMPTY STEEPLECHASE** (Novice Hunters: £633: 2½m)
Ballybough, b g, by Arctic Slave—Archilady (R. Baillie), 8-11-11 Mr R. Baillie (10-1) 1
Trichomatic Mr P. Greenall (100-30 fav) 2
Raynham Mr O. Vaughan Jones (7-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 High Rebel (4th), 15-2 Red Account, 8-1 Border Patrol (bd), Nelson IV (pu), 14-1 Time Out (f), 20-1 Tulli-O, 33-1 Blueberry Hill VI, Formality. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 81p; places, 21p, 15p, 12p; dual forecast, £1.83. K. Oliver, at Hawick. ¾l, 15l.

4.15 (4.18) **WALRUS HURDLE** (Handicap: £792: 2½m)
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ublic borrowing shortfall gain points to room or manoeuvre in Budget

Caroline Atkinson

al public borrowing for irst three quarters of the nt financial year is shown e way below the official ates on which the Chan- 's recent budgets have based.

this trend continues there d be plenty of room for cuts in April without hing the Government's ment with the Interna- l Monetary Fund. How- the Chancellor is expected e fairly cautious in the et because of fears about rade balance.

ures for the third quarter ich is the final quarter of calendar year 1977—were ased by the Government rday. The public sector as ole borrowed £1,884m in hree months from October ecember.

ter seasonal adjustment on nancial year basis the e drops to £1,131m. This rger than the exception- low borrowing total in the ous three months, but still s the Public Sector Bor- g Requirement in the first months of the year at £3,610m.

e last official forecast for whole of the year was 0m. This was itself well the ceiling agreed with MF of £8,700m.

ernal Treasury estimates he time of the October et were believed to show BR of about £6,800m on ssumption that earnings d rise by 15 per cent in present pay round. Since this has been revised to below £6,000m.

en this would leave room a much larger borrowing e last three months of the financial year than has occurred so far. It would allow £2,390m of public borrowing between January and March compared to an average quarterly total so far of £1,200m.

Several reasons have been suggested for the large undershoot. One is the great underspending of local authorities, and to a lesser extent, by government departments.

Since the imposition of cash limits as a control on public spending the outturn on spending has been well below plan. The latest official estimate shows cash limited spending running 3¼ per cent below target in the first six months of the 1977-78 year. Public spending as a whole is expected to be lower than planned over the whole year in real terms.

The Government claims that this will be corrected to some extent in the final quarter of the financial year. Local authorities are expected to boost their spending as they realize how much under budget they have been.

Another suggested reason for the PSBR undershoot is that companies have paid more tax than expected. The rise in company profits this year has been substantial, and the latest published figures for corporate tax payments show a significant increase.

Inland revenue estimates for tax receipts seem to have been mistaken, with most of the error on corporate tax.

The largest contribution to total public borrowing in the three months to December came from the central government. Much of this resulted from the payment of tax rebates after the October tax cuts, and there was also an uprating of social security payments.

Local authorities reduced the PSBR in the quarter by £285m, seasonally adjusted. They made a substantial switch in their borrowing pattern from short term borrowing in the market to borrowing from the central government.

They borrowed £437m from the Public Works Loans Board long term and paid back some other long term debt.

Their net borrowing from the central government was £353m. They used much of this to pay back short term non-government debt thus reducing the PSBR. Their net borrowing in the quarter was £56m.

Public corporations contributed £648m to the PSBR, compared to £376m in the previous quarter.

PUBLIC SECTOR BORROWING REQUIREMENT

The following are figures released by the CSO for the Government borrowing requirement.

	£m seasonally adjusted			
	Fin Yr.	Central gov.	Total Public Sector	Gen. gov. require-ment*
1975-76		8,803	10,563	10,125
1976-77		5,944	8,770	7,335
1976-77	Q1	2,079	2,627	2,410
	Q2	1,575	2,120	1,611
	Q3	750	1,797	1,199
	Q4	1,540	1,926	1,916
1977-78	Q1	1,498	1,551	1,136
	Q2	194	924	555
	Q3	1,163	1,131	866

* General government borrowing requirement comprises the central government borrowing requirement and the local authorities' contribution to the PSBR, plus borrowing for on-lending to public corporations. It excludes public corporations' contribution to the PSBR. This definition of the Government's borrowing requirement is more comparable to that in many other countries.

Sharp jump in American trade deficit for month

From Frank Vogl
Washington, March 3

America's balance of trade deficit in January reached its highest level since last October. The seasonally adjusted January deficit totalled $2,378.7 (£1,226m) compared to a $2,115.5m deficit in December.

The figures may add to the problems of the dollar in the currency market, but the Treasury, together with the Federal Reserve Board appears determined to intervene heavily, if necessary, in the exchange markets to stabilize the dollar's rate.

In addition, there is mounting speculation in financial markets that the Fed will move once again to raise interest rates in the near future, which may serve to add support to the dollar in the currency markets. Citibank in New York announced today that it was holding its prime lending rate at 8 per cent.

Several bankers in New York suggested that there might be an announcement of some form of joint action between the United States, Switzerland and West Germany over the weekend to help strengthen the dollar.

Speculation ranged from the imposition of German foreign exchange controls, to increases in American swop lines, to a possible plan for the Treasury to offer foreign central banks particularly attractive new non-marketable securities.

There is wide agreement that the dollar's course in the immediate future is likely to be significantly affected by any actions the Fed may take on monetary policy, by the vote on a new contract that coal miners will take this weekend and by progress made on energy legislation in Congress.

The trade figures themselves, however, produce a better overall impression that is justified in the opinion of some foreign experts. They note that the position is far worse if imports—calculated by the Americans on an FAS (free alongside ship) basis—are calculated on a CIF (cost, insurance, and freight) basis, as is done in numerous foreign countries.

On this basis the January deficit totalled $2,987.3m, compared with a December deficit of $2,115.5m.

Commerce Department figures show that on an FAS basis the total United States trade deficit in 1977 reached a record $25,790.4m, while on a CIF basis it was almost $10,000m greater.

Share prices maintained their advance on Wall Street yesterday, with the Dow Jones industrial average gaining 0.86 to 747.31. In the last three days the index has added 5.19 points.

Formal Tokyo pledge on curbing car exports handed to UK embassy

By Derek Harris

A formal pledge by the Japanese government to restrain exports of cars to Britain was handed to the British Embassy in Tokyo yesterday.

Details of the pledge were still being awaited last night by the Department of Trade which is anxious to scrutinize it to see how far it meets the British demand for Japanese penetration of the British market to be kept below 10 per cent during this year.

Japanese cars took a record 13 per cent of the United Kingdom market in January, and the British industry expects February will show at least the same degree of penetration.

The pledge includes an undertaking to give "tighter administrative guidance" to Japan's car makers on "orderly marketing", it was indicated in Tokyo yesterday. It has previously been suggested that Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) would by these means peg 1978 shipments at around last year's levels.

Makers would have to report shipments to the United Kingdom monthly.

But a major issue that would have to be covered by a pledge acceptable to the British Government is the role of stocks of cars already in this country, or shipments already on the high seas. There have been anxieties that such stocks in the pipeline could account for as much as six months' supply.

But Mr Dell, Secretary for Trade, earlier this week said that he made clear to the Japanese that when they said in 1976 they expected no significant change in the level of market penetration, that meant "something less than 10 per cent".

But the voluntary agreement made at the end of 1976 by the Japanese manufacturers on car exports to Britain did not in fact work. In that year they had a market share of 9.4 per cent, but this rose last year to 10.6 per cent.

A particular anxiety on the British side has been indications of a growing strength of Japanese penetration into the company car market, which accounts for rather more than 60 per cent of all fleet sales.

Only if the Tokyo pledge can be seen to be made to stick is Mr Dell likely to set aside plans already under examination to bring in some form of quota system for cars from Japan.

The Japanese cabinet yesterday approved a measure to cut import tariffs by an average of 23 per cent on 124 items, including cars and other vehicles, colour film and electronic computers. Import duties on vehicles drops to nil from 6.4 per cent.

Rising sun on British industry

Japanese investment in Britain is rising so fast that by the mid-1980s ambassadors will spend much more time opening factories and less on dealing with trade problems. This was said yesterday by Mr Tadao Kato, who became the first Japanese Ambassador to perform an opening ceremony in Britain. He was inaugurating a £2m factory for Sekisui, polystyrene manufacturer, the first on a 42-acre industrial estate at Merthyr Tydfil, South Wales. Overseas investment by Japan would rise to £40,000m by 1985, four times the present level, Mr Kato added. But setting up business would help to take the heat out of controversy over exports.



Lord Allen of Fallowfield: cuts should not victimize staff.

Union fears job effects of price war

By Ronald Kershaw

Officials of the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers are afraid that many of their 440,000 members may become victims of the price war being waged in the stores.

Lord Allen, of Fallowfield, general secretary of the union, yesterday told union branches that they would have the full backing of his executive if and when they found it necessary to resist arbitrary cuts to save jobs and ensure "stress-free working conditions".

In a message to the union branches sent out yesterday, Lord Allen said: "The price war must not be waged at the expense of USDAW members. Many shops are already understaffed, so job insecurity and inferior pay and conditions will not be tolerated as our contribution to keeping down prices.

"Nor will we allow a situation where shopkeepers, including managers and supervisors, are blamed for the present volume of theft from shops, when many retailers are just not employing enough staff to cope with the volume of trade and provide adequate security."

His union was not attempting to lay down national directives for staffing levels, he added.

The union has already taken steps to persuade the Economic Development Council for the Distributive Trades to hold a major study of manpower planning.

Ford switches to new range of lorries

By Clifford Webb

Ford is switching the emphasis in its investment plans from cars to commercial vehicles. With one of the most popular car ranges now well established throughout Europe it will spend £350m over the next four years to introduce an entirely new range of commercial vehicles and to modernize manufacturing facilities in Britain and on the Continent.

The first of the new commercials—a replacement for the Transit van—makes its appearance next Thursday. The Transit has been one of Ford's biggest money-spinners since it was introduced in 1965. Within a year it was market leader in Britain and has held that position ever since. In recent years it has outsold its three nearest rivals combined, taking a consistent 40 per cent.

Mr Andy Thoms, Ford truck sales director, said yesterday: "The car side has had the lion's share of available investment in the past. Now it is the turn of the commercials. Over the next four or five years we shall be replacing the whole range and extending it.

"Ford is already the biggest commercial vehicle manufacturer in Britain. We intend to consolidate that position and also increase our penetration in Europe."

Two prime targets for investment are a replacement for the 12-year-old D series truck range—the backbone of the company's sales in the medium-heavy sector up to 28 tons—and the introduction of a 32-tonner.

The lack of a contender in this sector—the maximum permitted gross vehicle weight in the United Kingdom—leaves a big gap in Ford's line-up between the D series and the "super heavy" Transcontinental.

Springboard for this huge programme will be a new headquarters for Ford's European truck operations based at Trafford House, Basildon, Essex.

Record BL bus orders: British Leyland said yesterday that increasing demand for its buses meant it now had a record order book worth £143m. Orders total more than 7,000 buses, half of them double-deckers.

By the end of last year Leyland's penetration of the home market had risen by more than 4 per cent to 87 per cent for double-deckers, and by 3.6 per cent to 52.4 per cent for single-deckers.

P ready to velop lagnus field

Roger Vielvoye
gy Correspondent

itish Petroleum is to go d with development of the ous oilfield, north-east of land. It is the most nar- y commercial reservoir d to date, and at £1,250m ely to be one of the most nsive to exploit.

e BP main board having oved the project, the lopment plans now go to Department of Energy for ng. BP is not formally ssing its detailed plans for iting the reservoir until have secured Government ission.

is understood, however, the group has opted for a platform capable of ing the 125,000 barrels-a- hat the field will produce its 400 million barrels of ves. The oil is likely to rought ashore in Shetland gh a pipeline to link up the existing Ninian pipe- about 50 miles to the

gnus is one of the second ation of oilfields that will on stream in the 1980s, should enable the Govern- to step up exports once nal self-sufficiency in oil een reached.

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Ministers to offer pay clause 'adjustments'

By Malcolm Brown

A number of "adjustments" to the Government's controversial pay pledge clauses will be offered on Monday when senior ministers meet a delegation from the Confederation of British Industry, civil servants said last night.

But there is no indication whether the "adjustments" being prepared amount to the kind of "amendment" of the clauses which the CBI is pressing for.

Whitehall officials would say only that the Government had parliamentary backing for the clauses and would go ahead with them—they have in fact been inserted in government contracts over the past few weeks. But that this did not rule out the possibility that there would be some changes to make sure that the clauses worked reasonably and fairly.

CBI leaders are to see Mr Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, at Monday's meeting. He will be accompanied by Mr Booth, Secretary of State for Employment, Mr Barnett, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, and Mr Sam Silkin, the Attorney General.

If they fail to get significant changes to the clauses they are prepared to take the matter to the Prime Minister.

The Confederation believes that the causes as they stand give the Government too much power.

Kodak to reinstate £4.3m bonus

Kodak last night agreed to reinstate bonuses totalling £4.3m for its 11,000 United Kingdom employees after day-long negotiations with union leaders.

The company has suspended payment of the annual wage dividend, which wil average £400 for each employee, because unofficial industrial action in some factories had hit production and distribution.

After the meeting a joint statement said the unions' negotiating committee had agreed to recomend to senior sewards that a commitment be given of a return to normal production in all areas on Monday, March 6.

Full Senate vote confirms Miller appointment as Fed chairman

From Our US Economics Correspondent
Washington, March 3

Mr William Miller will replace Dr Arthur Burns as chairman of the American Federal Reserve Board next week.

He will start a four-year term as the Fed's chief after an overwhelming vote by the Senate today to confirm him in a 14-year term as a member of the Fed's governing board.

Mr Miller, 52, does not have detailed experience of banking or of monetary policy, although he has been a non-executive director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston since 1971.

The only forceful opponent in the Senate today to his appointment was Mr William Proxmire, chairman of the Senate's Banking Committee, who voiced strong concern that an industrialist, rather than a banker or economist, should take the helm when the United States economy still faces considerable problems.

Senator Proxmire has also challenged Mr Miller's business credentials following investigations by the staff of his committee which have indicated that Textron Incorporated, the company Mr Miller has headed in recent years, may have been involved in some questionable foreign payments.

Mr Miller was endorsed by a voice vote in the Senate today to his position on the Fed's board. President Carter will formally appoint him now to the Fed's chairmanship for a four-year period, and he can subsequently be offered a further term at the Fed.

The President has still to nominate someone to replace Dr Burns on the Fed's board.

Senator Proxmire described Mr Miller as "a raw outside amateur" in today's Senate debate, and suggested that there were hosts of Americans better qualified for the job.

Senator Adlai Stevenson, a member of the banking committee, said, however, that Mr Miller's reputation "is without blemish . . . there is no evidence whatsoever to justify any suspicion".

Slack week for shares ends in a small rally

By Alison Mitchell

Hopes that the stock market might still manage a good run-up to the Budget now look slim after a week when investors appeared to take to the side-lines and await Mr Healey's April 11 measures.

The FT ordinary share index, after reaching a seven-month low of 433.4 on Thursday, closed 2.8 up yesterday, with a net fall of 8.0 on the week. However there were fewer bargains marked in the five days' trading than were seen in any one session at the time of the market's September peak last year.

The question dealers are asking is how much farther equities will have to drift before institutions, with their liquidity building up, will be attracted back in.

As yet there are few signs of any such interest. Figures from index-stocks EMI and Turner & Newall were well below market forecasts while economic predictions and downgraded North Sea oil estimates did little to lift the week's depression.

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Dollar picks up, but money markets stay nervous

By Our Economics Staff

Despite disappointing American trade figures and nervousness about the outcome of the coal miners' strike ballot, the dollar picked up slightly in the foreign exchange markets yesterday.

Dealers thought that the American Federal Reserve system supported the rate in the afternoon and that this helped to push up the dollar's value. It was thought to have been especially active in selling German marks for dollars.

The dollar's closing rate was below the best, but still higher than any day since Monday. It closed up 1.3 pfennigs at DM2.022.

The dollar was also stronger against the Swiss franc. The effect of the recent Swiss measures to curb speculative inflows were thought to have contributed to this. The dollar rose to 1.865, compared with 1.835 on Thursday.

The exception to the trend yesterday was the Japanese yen. This rose in value against the dollar in Europe, continuing a movement which began in Tokyo. It closed at 237.1 yen to the dollar, nearest to its highest ever dollar level, and up from 238.3 on Thursday.

Sterling went up with the dollar against other currencies yesterday, after losing some ground earlier in the week. It is thought in the market that the Bank of England has been intervening to some extent to hold down the pound in recent weeks.

Yesterday morning the pound's effective rate index, measured against a basket of currencies, dropped to 65.0. It ended the day higher at 65.3. Against the dollar the pound lost 20 points to close at 1.9395.

Dealers remained nervous about the dollar, with many expecting a further drop in its value next week.

But they were not willing to risk going too short of the currency over the weekend since there are some rumours of a new initiative to support the dollar being agreed between the United States and Germany, reports.

Canada to raise $750m by government bonds in US

From Jack Best
Ottawa, March 3

Canada plans to borrow $750m in the United States through the public issue of government bonds.

Mr Jean Chrétien, the finance minister, announced the move last night, saying Canada intends to file a registration statement soon with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

It is in tune with Mr Chrétien's statement on February 21 that Canada would borrow money abroad to assist in financing its balance of payments deficit, which climbed to more than $6,000m last year.

The borrowing is also intended to help to stabilize the Canadian dollar, which has slumped in recent weeks to around 89 cents in terms of the American dollar, which itself is under heavy selling pressure in international money markets.

In an earlier move this week to shore up the Canadian dollar, Mr Chrétien announced a $200m borrowing—in American dollars—from Canadian Chartered Banks. A $1,500m line of credit was negotiated with the bank last autumn.

Figures released yesterday revealed that the Government spent $715m of its own American dollar holdings last month to keep the Canadian dollar from falling too far.

The bond offering announced last night is expected to consist of equal principle amounts of five-year bonds due in 1995, 7½ year bonds due in 1985, and 20-year bonds, due in 1998.

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Gold lost $0.50 an ounce to $183.875.
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Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1386.8 (previous 1388.5).
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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.77	1.71
Austria Sch	29.75	27.75
Belgium Fr	63.00	60.00
Canada $	2.22	2.16
Denmark Kr	11.08	10.68
Finland Mkk	8.30	7.95
France Fr	9.45	9.10
Germany Dm	4.08	3.86
Greece Dr	72.00	68.00
Hongkong $	9.20	8.75
Italy Lr	1690.00	1605.00
Japan Yn	485.00	460.00
Netherlands Gld	4.34	4.12
Norway Kr	10.57	10.17
Portugal Esc	79.00	75.00
S Africa Rd	2.02	1.87
Spain Pes	160.75	153.75
Sweden Kr	9.17	8.82
Switzerland Fr	3.77	3.55
US $	1.99	1.93
Yugoslavia Dnr	37.75	35.75

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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Pye offshoot's losses investigated

Deficiences, possibly amounting to £1.5m in Cabinet Industries, a subsidiary of Pye Holdings, have been revealed. Pye, itself a subsidiary of Philips the Dutch electrical group, says irregularities including the "overstatement of assets and other factors" are being investigated.

It is too early to assess exactly how big the deficiency will be or how much will be recoverable from insurers and other sources, Pye says. Trading continues and customers are not affected.

There was a loss of £20m by Pye Holdings in the half year to June 1977. The shares closed 8p down at 90p yesterday.

Courtaulds makes 500 redundant

More than 500 employees at to Courtaulds factories at Aintree, Liverpool and at Wrexham, are to lose their jobs because of falling orders.

Each of them received a statement from the company yesterday that the warp-knitting and dyeing sections would be shut down because of a £3m operating losss last year. It was the first the workers had heard of the decision.

They are being given the statutory 90 days' notice of redundancy.

EEC may aid Leeds airport extension

The £9m runway extension for the Leeds-Bradford airport may be financed with the help of money from the European Economic Community, it was stated at yesterday's meeting at the airport.

Preliminary discussions have already been held with an official of the European Investment Bank about the possibility of a loan to cover part of the development plan if the Government approves the project following the expected public inquiry. Mr Roger Bicknell, deputy director of finance with the West Yorkshire county council, yesterday described the talks as "encouraging".

In brief

Ebbw Vale strikers back on Sunday

A two-week strike by 750 engineering workers which has crippled the Ebbw Vale steelworks in north Gwent is over. The strikers yesterday decided to go back from 6 am tomorrow. The strike laid off 3,300 production workers at the plant, which produces a third of Britain's tinplate for the canning industry.

Slight rise in German unemployment total

Despite the cold spell, the number of unemployed in West Germany increased only slightly by 10,600 to 1,224,100 in February.

PERSONAL INVESTMENT AND FINANCE

Grouse

Stamp duty is itself a dubious imposition—a straight tax on owner-occupation paid to the Inland Revenue for nothing more arduous than putting the appropriate document under the stamping machine at Somerset House—but its iniquities as they apply to freehold homes are nothing compared to those of leasehold properties

The Law Society in its recent recommendations for the reform of the Inland Revenue has drawn attention to the huge distinction which is drawn between leasehold and freehold properties. Up to a price of £15,000 all freehold properties are exempt from stamp duty ; a totally different, and in the event, much more costly criterion is used for leasehold properties.

As far as leasehold properties are concerned stamp duty becomes payable once the average annual rent exceeds £150. This today is not an astronomical figure. And the matter is compounded by the Inland Revenue practice of taking the average annual rent over the duration of the lease, irrespective of any intermediate sale of the property.

This means that a 99-year lease divided into three rental periods of 33-years with an annual rent of £100, £150, and £200 respectively would have an average annual rent of over £150. The Law Society cites the example of a leasehold flat costing £15,750 where the stamp duty ultimately emerged at £339. A freehold house at the same price would have warranted a stamp duty of less than a quarter at £78.75.

At least, argues the Law Society, the concept of averaging the annual rental income over the entire span of the lease should be abolished and the rent calculated from the date the term of the new owner commences.

In addition to this it is essential that the average annual rent should be lifted from the humble figure of £150 at which level it is catching far too many people who, had they opted for an alternative form of tenure, would have altogether escaped the stamp duty net.

Motor insurance

Lloyd's cover versus company contracts

Over the past ten years or so motor underwriters at Lloyd's have increased their share of the private car insurance market. About 20 per cent of all private cars are insured by the Lloyd's market—which consists of about 40 different syndicates, all of which are in competition with each other.

At one stage Lloyd's underwriters were having difficulty in attracting private car business owing to handling costs. Then a system was started whereby a Lloyd's broker could introduce provincial high street brokers, and others, to syndicates.

The non-Lloyd's brokers then dealt directly with the syndicates and with the Lloyd's broker guaranteeing the payment of premiums. Now, brokers throughout the country can place business at Lloyd's quite easily—and earn for themselves what is often a higher rate of commission than would be obtainable from some companies.

Lloyd's underwriters have the advantage that their administrative costs are much lower than those of the large companies with nationwide branch networks. Motor syndicates usually operate from a single office—often well out of the expensive City area surrounding the Underwriting Room at Lloyd's.

While Lloyd's underwriters often pay out more in commission to brokers than the companies, the total outgoings, in the form of administration expenses and commission, are usually a lower proportion of motor premium income than those of the companies.

Lloyd's underwriters also enjoy certain other marginal advantages, compared with their competitors in the company market. First, there is the question of slow payments and bad debts. Motorists may pay their premiums promptly enough to their brokers, but it may be some months later before those premiums actually reach the companies.

In effect, the brokers obtain the benefit of the interest on the premiums during this period of delay, whereas if the companies received the premiums more quickly the extra interest would help them to charge marginally lower premiums.

Often, motor underwriters at Lloyd's receive premiums more quickly from brokers than do the companies. On the other hand, some companies have the advantage that they deal directly with more of their policyholders : not only do they save paying out commission, but such premiums generally are paid much more promptly than if the business came through a broker.

Companies run the risk that some of the brokers with which they deal may run into financial difficulties, and not be able to meet their commitments. Lloyd's underwriters, however, have the advantage that the premiums collected by each high street (or even back street) broker with which they do business are guaranteed by the Lloyd's broker which set up the arrangement.

The largest companies in the land may have to contribute if an insurance company goes into liquidation. A levy is made by the Policyholders' Protection Board, which ensures that if a company goes into liquidation policyholders will receive at least 90 per cent of claims outstanding at the time, or 100 per cent in the case of a third-party personal injury claim which has to be insured by law.

Lloyd's underwriters do not make those contributions. They do, however, contribute to the Motor Insurers' Bureau on the same basis as companies for the payments made to injured third parties where the motorist liable for the accident was uninsured.

Also, all Lloyd's underwriters (but not companies) subscribe each year to a central guarantee fund. Its purpose is simply to ensure that, in the event of one or more individual underwriters being unable to meet their underwriting liabilities (for which no limitation of liability can be claimed), the policyholder will not suffer.

However, Lloyd's underwriters suffer one commercial disadvantage compared with companies. Although the numbers are dropping there are still many motorists who have been insured direct with companies for years—the original reasons may have been lost in the mists of time. Such motorists are loyal and are unlikely to move elsewhere unless provoked.

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Property bonds

The rebuilding of a battered sector

Where the large financial institutions go today, the man in the street will probably follow tomorrow. If this is true in the property market then property bonds should shortly be completely rehabilitated as a medium for individual investment.

The secondary banking and property crash of 1973 took much of the gloss from this form of investment. The crisis exposed some serious weaknesses in property bond investment—lack of liquidity, the tendency to tie up too much of a fund in one building and the chasing of yields to absurdly low levels.

The great crash was followed by a period of very high interest rates, culminating last October when the minimum lending rate touched 15 per cent. Since then the trend has been sharply downwards and over the past year property prices have been showing some very respectable gains across the board.

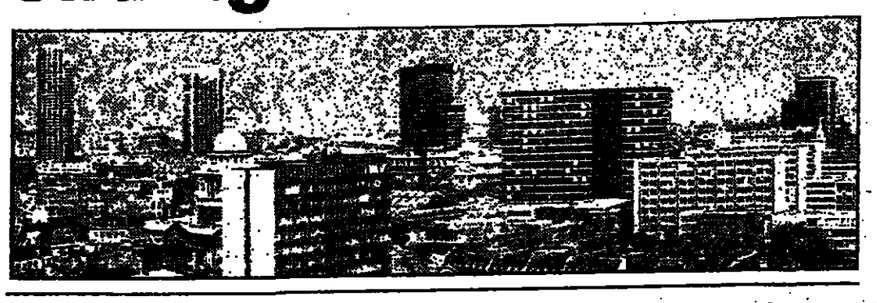
In recent weeks the optimism of the property sector has been underpinned by large-scale institutional buying. Trafalgar House is reported to have sold £60m worth of city offices—in three blocks—to pension funds.

The new 19-storey tower block at Angel Court in the City was let on favourable terms within a month of coming on to the market

But while West End and City yields and rentals have been performing well over the past six months or so, the biggest gains have been seen in industrial and shop property and it is here that the property bond funds have been concentrating much of their buying efforts.

What has happened to property bond prices? *Money Management's* property bond index, which provides an excellent month-by-month guide to values indicates that unit prices have on average improved by about 15 per cent since the end of 1976 when interest rates reached the top.

At the turn of the year, as the table shows, the index went above its previous peak of 117 and as at the beginning of February—the latest date when *Money Management's* figures were computed—the index stands at an all-time high of 122.3.



MONEY MANAGEMENT PROPERTY BOND INDEX

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1973	100.0	100.9	101.6	102.8	103.8	104.7	106.8	109.4	111.1	112.5	114.7	116.5
1974	117.2	116.9	117.0	115.1	111.9	110.9	106.8	104.2	102.2	99.5	96.5	93.9
1975	90.5	90.3	90.9	90.6	91.9	93.2	94.4	94.6	95.1	96.1	97.0	97.5
1976	98.4	99.3	100.3	101.7	102.6	103.7	105.3	105.9	106.8	107.4	104.6	102.4
1977	103.7	104.0	105.5	107.0	108.5	110.0	111.1	112.3	114.0	115.7	116.4	118.9
1978	120.6	122.3										

Few of the funds appear to be in the market or office property, although portfolios are being reviewed to extract the maximum advantage from marriage values—from restructuring leases—and leases up for renewal now that rentals have improved. There is still, with the memory of 1974 fresh in mind, a fear of buying on low yields—prime yields have been sinking below 5 per cent in recent weeks.

Most managers state that other kinds of property are better investments, but this may be making a virtue out of necessity. Essentially, most of the funds cannot afford to buy West End and City office blocks without tying up an undesirable amount of their portfolio are now all too clear.

Abbey Property, at £247m, is by far and away the largest fund and it has a number of £5m-plus office blocks. Hambro Property, at £104m, tends to go for larger individual properties.

The rest of the field simply are not of sufficient size to purchase first-class office property. Shops and industrial sites come in smaller units—more suitably, bearing in mind the need for marketability.

Industrial yields have gone from 10 per cent to 8½ per cent over the past year and both the increased values and buying interest have been reflected in a higher proportion of industrial property in portfolios. Property Growth's industrial content went from 15 to nearly 20 per cent of its £30m fund last year, although it has been buying small provincial office blocks as well.

Hambro is edging back into development, abandoned in the holocaust of 1974, of some industrial sites. It argues that there has been very little new development in the industrial sector over the past five years and this resulted in an underlying shortage. Rents are still thought to be below the level of replacement cost.

Abbey Property, too, has a development programme in industrial property—it accounts for 22 per cent of its portfolio as against 15 per cent in 1976. Despite its size the fund is now shy of buying any individual item of more than £1m.

A contrary view comes from Save & Prosper. It has 43 per cent of its portfolio at present in shop properties, and, although these are favoured by the other groups as well S & P shows a marked preference for this sector over the industrial, which it regards as overheated and vulnerable to any setbacks on the industrial front, or indeed to any non-materialization of the long-awaited industrial boom.

S & P thinks that the shop market is showing signs of a return to the days of 1973 when retailers were bidding up rents in order to obtain selling area. Yields are 4¼ per cent now in prime locations.

Most managers are very conscious of the ephemeral nature of yields and their "safety first" investment outlook these days concentrates more on rental prospects.

Some two thirds of S & P's portfolio comes up for rent review over the next two and a half years. Hambro estimates that West End rental values have gone from £7 to £12 per square foot over the past year or two, which will be reflected in forthcoming valuations regardless of whether yields continue to fall or not.

With interest rates unlikely to rise sharply in the short term and the institutional appetite for property investment clearly unsatisfied the prospects for property prices and bonds look good for at least the next year. Investors in managed bonds, who account for a third to two-fifths of property bondholders, might consider switching into property funds.

Although the equity market outperformed property bonds last year there is a strong possibility that this will be reversed in 1978. Meanwhile, property bonds appear to be attracting a pretty healthy flow of outside money, according to the managers, although interest in the sector is still well below the level of the euphoric days of 1973.

Margaret Drummond

Pensions

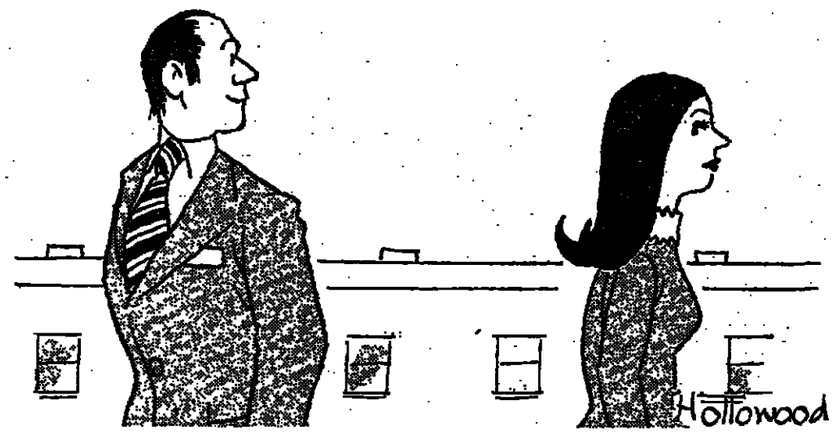
Widowers and orphans need benefits too

Occupational pension schemes may, or may not, terminate a widow's pension on her remarriage. A large number of schemes which did not include a widow's pension at all will be introducing this benefit in order to contract out of the new earnings-related state scheme in April. In these circumstances they may well provide the smallest widow's benefit acceptable for contracting out.

An employer wishing to do as little as possible will not only provide the minimum amount—based, of course, on actual service completed up to the date of death—he may also restrict the pension to those circumstances in which the state scheme widow's pension is payable, broadly speaking to older widows or those with young children, and terminate it on remarriage before the age of 60.

The pension of a widow who remarries after she has attained age 60 may be reduced to the level of the state benefit but may not be terminated completely.

Most pension schemes introducing changes for contracting out seem to be following the established practice among the better schemes by providing a widow's pension based on service up to the expected date of retirement although there is some division of opinion about cessation on remarriage. Protection for orphans is frequently included.



"What happens when a young widow remarries?"

Some schemes allow a separate children's benefit, often at the rate of a third or a quarter of the widow's pension rate for each dependent child up to three or four. But it is more common to make the widow's pension continue after her death as long as there are still dependent children.

In this case the pension is payable at the normal widow's pension rate as long as any orphan of the marriage is under (commonly) 18 years old or for longer if the child remains in full-time education.

There are a small but growing number of companies which provide widowers' pensions. Until a few years ago a scheme was permitted to pay a pension to the widower of a woman member only if he was dependant on her.

Changing economic and social patterns have made it appropriate to look again at this question. As more married women work full-time the old argument that widows are normally left without any means of support but widowers can maintain themselves is no longer valid. In most households there is a financial strain if the wife dies.

What is more, protection for the remaining members of the family in the event of an employee's untimely death is now considered part of the employee's remuneration, just as much as the pension rights offered to those who survive. So if men and women are paid the same in cash terms there is no reason why they should not enjoy the same protection for their family finances.

Widowers' pensions, payable as of right on the death of a wife are uncommon. It is more usual to include the power to pay a dependant's pension on the death of any member who does not leave a widow, and to use this power to pay a widower only if he is considered to suffer financial hardship.

And what about a children's benefit for women if there is one for men? It is here that the greatest need is most likely to arise because a proportion of working women are widows or divorcees with children who are wholly dependant on them. There is no justification for providing a smaller benefit on the death of such a mother than on the death of a father.

Eric Brunet

Round-up

Some new policies Long-term records

Policy, the monthly magazine published by Cox, of life assurance fame, has turned its to a new set of pe tables. As many fou the linked-life assura through the mechani regular or monthly p contract it has checke see which would have best investment for sin holders.

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Investor's week

Gloomy forecasts leave market in the doldrums

Market people will be glad to see the back of a week in which the most prominent feature has been the complete lack of interest by investors.

On four trading days out of the five fewer than 5,000 bargains were marked and with the Budget now only a month away there are still few signs of any upturn in trading.

During the first week of this account Wall Street reached a three-year low, the price of gold bullion a three-year high and the *FT* ordinary share index touched its lowest level for seven months.

Any vestige of investment confidence was finally dispelled on Thursday when bad figures from index stock EMI contributed to a £1,300m fall in equity values represented by a 10.4 drop in the *FT* index.

However, in the lightest day's trading of the week, the index recovered some of its poise yesterday to end up 2.8 at 436.2, giving a net fall on the week of 8.0.

Downgraded North Sea oil estimates and some gloomy economic forecasts last weekend set the seal of despondency on the week. Only some good results from the financial sector could life the general depression : Commercial Union, General Accident, Royal Insurance, Sedgwick Forbes and National Westminster Bank all unveiled profits better than market estimates and saw their share prices rise accordingly.

Oils, however, had a rougher ride with selling on Wall Street particularly hitting BP. There will be a clearer picture of this sector next week when Shell reports.

Alison Mitchell

MAIN CHANGES OF THE WEEK

Rises

Year's high	Year's low	Company	Change	Comment
57p	23½p	Bellway Hldgs	9p to 57p	Attractive land bank
124p	48p	Brotherhood P.	9p to 123p	Takeover talk
305p	140p	Hunting Gibson	25p to 205p	Speculative buying
105p	40p	Prop Inv & Fin	14p to 103p	Bid from Castlefield Prop
396p	224p	Sedgwick Forbes	20p to 340p	Profits rise 40%

Falls

690p	372p	Beecham	29p to 583p	Adverse brokers circular
960p	720p	BP	26p to 724p	Selling on Wall St
253p	142p	EMI	21p to 145p	Disastrous figures
328p	78p	Redfearn Nat Glass	17p to 263p	Fading bid hopes
253p	130p	Turner & Newall	14p to 179p	Disappointing profits

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● The year in brief	1977	1976
Total revenue	£1,090,419	£986,640
Revenue before taxation	£707,626	£612,157
Earnings per share	4.08p	3.53p
Dividends on deferred capital	3.9p	3.3p
Valuation of investments	£20,224,540	£16,303,680
Invested in equities	90.90%	92.89%
Invested in Great Britain	63.40%	51.99%
Invested in overseas companies	36.60%	48.01%
Net asset value per share	147½p	122p
Net asset value of £100 of convertible loan stock	£119.54	£98.66

● **Income:**
For the first time total revenue has exceeded £1 million.

● **Dividends:**
The total of 3.9p for 1977 represents an increase of 18.2% over last year and maintains our policy of improving income to the greatest possible extent without jeopardising capital growth.

● **Assets:**
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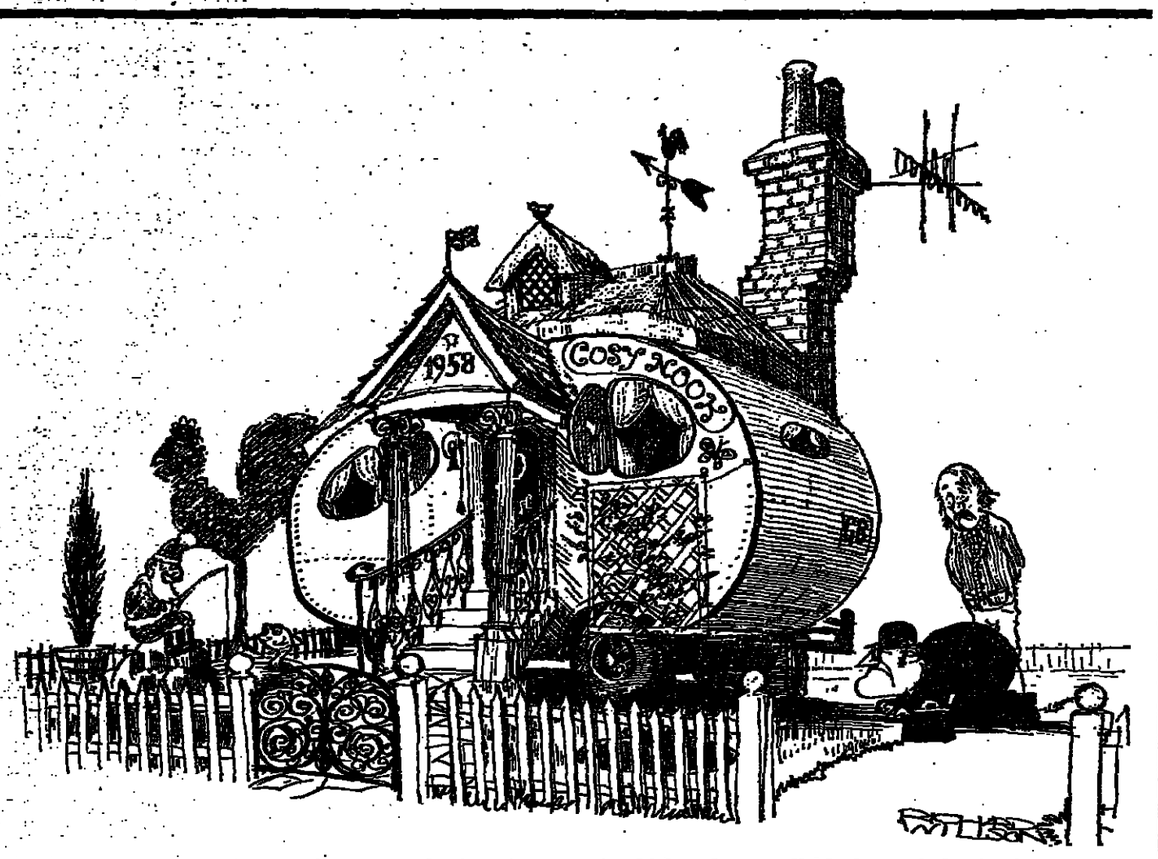
a) a dwelling-house or part dwelling-house which is, as at any time in his period ownership been, his only or residence, or (b) land h he has for his own occu- n and enjoyment with that fence as its garden or nds up to an area (inclu- of the size of the dwelling- e) of one acre or such er area as the Commis- ers concerned may in any icular case determine . . . ion 29 (1) Finance Act).

e point at issue in the case Jakins v Elson before Judge er (High Court, November, was, is a caravan a dwel- house?

e facts were that Mr ins bought a building plot ome three quarters of an in July, 1970, near Ax- ster. The cost was £1,800 before completing the pur- e he had obtained plan- permission to build a se on the site.

August, 1970, Mr Makins *his family moved on to the* with two caravans. Pre- tions were immediately put and to start building the se which was intended for r own occupation.

he site was levelled and r, electricity and telephone ices were installed. How- little building activity place and in May, 1973, Makins sold the land and vans for £8,800.



"Be that as it may, Sir, I can still see one wheel on the ground, which makes you liable for capital gains."

The tax office considered that exemption did not apply and raised an assessment for capital gains tax on a gain of £6,452 —the difference between sale *proceeds*, cost and expenses. Its ground for so doing was on two counts, first that the *mobile* caravan had been the taxpayer's only residence and it was a chattel *unaffixed* to *and separate from* the building site and secondly that a *partly* developed site could not be regarded as the taxpayer's *only* or main residence.

Mr Makins appealed to the General Commissioners but to no avail. They ignored the point about the mobility of the caravan and ruled simply on the ground that a house in course of erection was not a dwelling within the meaning of the taxing Act.

In the High Court it was explained that the main caravan, with its wheels, had been jacked up and rested on supports. "The question which I have to decide", Judge Foster said, "*is whether*—and I return to the Act, section 29—the caravan *was a dwelling-house* which, during the relevant period, was his only or main residence."

During his judgment he made reference to two rating cases and in particular to Lord Denning in Field Place Caravan Park Ltd v Harding (1966), whose closing words were: "In parting with the case I would say that these caravans with their pitches are very like small bungalows with their gardens. Just as a small bungalow is ratable, so also is a residential caravan."

Judge Foster's decision was that ". . . when I look at this caravan and at all the facts in regard to the electricity, the phone and the water, and at the fact that the wheels were not on the ground, I can only come to the conclusion that the caravan was for the relevant period a dwelling house and his only or main residence within section 29(1)(a).

"For my part, I think that the General Commissioners failed to ask the proper question and never answered it. In my judgment, this appeal succeeds."

Mr Makins won his case and was awarded costs.

Vera Di Palma

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average about £4m a week *being paid for single pre-* m unit-linked life policies. large life offices are mov- into this area in a big way so the figure may well

robably, however, a fair- *aber of bonds are mis-sold* investors may not fully reciate what they are buy-

he usual practice of life ces is to offer a variety of cialist funds (for example, ity, property, fixed interest, sh", international) and to w *policyholders to switch* n one fund to another with- any penalty or *tax charge*, r than a modest administra- fee.

hat sounds fine, but how s one *know* when to switch? the outset, the person sell- one the bond (probably an rance broker, *financial* sultant, stockbroker or r professional person) may e out a very good case for sting wholly or mainly in a icular fund. His reasoning be first class at the time, it is most unlikely to be to remain so invested for years on end while the bond *continues* in force.

If, therefore, anybody suggests that you *should* have a bond invested in a specialist fund it is most important to establish at the outset who is responsible for deciding when to switch. For instance, you may be happy to make these decisions *yourself*, feeling that your overall knowledge is sufficient to devise the correct strategy for switching, leaving the investment decisions within each sector to the investment managers.

Or, the organization through which you buy the bond may be *able to give advice*. Here, it is really important that the initiative *should come from the* organization. Some of those selling bonds say they are willing to give advice when asked. But, since timing can be all-*important*, it is unlikely that most of their clients will ask for advice *at the right* moment.

Sometimes, an organization may offer to carry out the switches on your behalf, at its discretion, and on a fee-paying basis.

Look carefully at whatever suggestion is made. Those selling bonds are by no means *always investment experts*; if they were, probably they would be in *different jobs*. They receive their remuneration, in the form of commission, when they make a sale.

It can be very expensive to *offer advice subsequent* to a sale. It is not even as though this advice will lead to increased business (as in the case of a stockbroker reviewing a portfolio of shares).

If a broking firm or other organization offers to give advice or to make switches at its discretion, is its depth of *knowledge adequate* for the task in hand, bearing in mind its other *commitments*?

If you are *in doubt* on this score, probably the easiest way out of any difficulty is to take the fund offered by the life office, *which consists of an* appropriate mixture of the specialist funds. Arguably, the life office which manages the specialist funds should know at any time how an individual should invest in them.

All the decisions can be left to the life office by taking its "managed fund", although, of course, one is not committed irrevocably to it.

One can always switch to one of the specialist funds. At times, it may be sensible to switch into the "cash" fund, if it looks as though the unit price of the balanced fund may drop. This can be particularly *useful shortly before* realizing a bond if it looks as though values may drop.

There are tax advantages for most people in holding bonds rather than a portfolio of shares. First, one does not pay *capital-gains tax when switching* from one sector to another (although most unit prices will reflect some deduction for tax on capital gains incurred as a result of switching the underlying investments). Second, the income on the underlying investments is taxed at a maximum of 37½ per cent—which is likely to be significantly lower than one's own marginal rate of tax.

Third, up to 5 per cent per annum of the initial investment can be withdrawn, up to 20 years—with tax being deferred until death or final encashment. If this is not taken annually, it can roll up so that after some years a useful lump *sum can be taken, free from* tax at that time.

The drawback is the tax settle-up at encashment; this tends to be glossed over by some who sell these bonds. One way of mitigating its effect is not to encash the policy until after retirement—*when*, presumably, one will be paying a lower rate of tax.

If no encashment is made until death, this may reduce the tax charge—especially if *the contract is written on the* joint lives of husband and wife, so that it is payable at the second death.

It may very well be worthwhile to take professional advice on how to reduce your *income in the year in which* you will cash a bond. This might save a large amount of tax and make a bond a much better proposition than otherwise would have been the case.

John Drummond

nit trust performance

lium growth, income and specialist funds (progress this year and past three years). Unitholder index 1963.8; change since January 976: −6.0%.

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Canlife General	7.9	70.8
G and A	7.8	59.4
Unicorn Capital	7.5	48.2
Jordan Growth F	7.4	39.3
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Hill Samuel British	7.1	42.3
Lloyds Bank First	6.9	61.8
Trades Union	6.6	56.8
Allied First	6.5	76.8
Mutual "Blue Chip"	6.4	51.0
Hill Samuel Sec	6.2	44.3
M & G General	6.0	62.4
Piccadilly Tech	5.8	43.5
Royal Trust Income	5.8	71.5
Barrington	5.8	40.6
Scottish Equitable	5.5	70.9
Equity & Law	5.5	74.0
British Life	5.2	69.9
Cabot	5.1	50.5
Mutual Security Plus	5.0	25.2
Target Equity	5.0	59.1
National West Port	5.0	44.0
Target Thistle	4.7	—
Rowan Merlin	4.6	59.6
TSB Scottish	4.5	48.7
Tyndall Int Earnings	3.2	—
Pearl Unit Trust	2.9	76.1
Nelstac	2.6	46.3
Family Fund	2.0	42.9
Lloyds Bank Second	1.9	41.8
Prolific	0.7	39.4
Intel	0.7	36.0
Oceanic General	0.5	43.5
Nat West Growth	0.4	9.5
Cumberland	−0.6	29.3
Buckingham	−1.2	—
Piccadilly Acc	−4.5	28.9
Piccadilly Int Earns	−8.9	11.8
Marlborough	−9.2	−1.7
	−11.3	16.1

GROWTH	A	B
M & G Recovery	49.5	169.5
Hambro Smaller Co's	46.2	151.2
Hambro Smaller Sec	42.3	140.5
Perpetual Growth M	38.7	186.0
Britannia Stat Change	34.1	56.7
M & G Special	31.1	96.5
Confederation Growth	29.0	93.2
Hambros Recovery	27.4	139.3
Oceanic Recovery	24.9	17.7
Framlington Internat	24.0	—
Arbuthnot Growth	22.7	42.2
Univorn Recovery	22.5	64.4
Leo Capital	22.3	—
New Court Smal Cos	21.8	75.2
Unicorn Prof M	21.7	95.8
Piccadilly Capital	20.9	27.1
Reliance Opportunity	19.8	76.4
Oceanic Performance	18.6	45.6
London Wall Spec Sit	17.9	64.6
Nat & Comm Cap F	17.8	63.1
Tyndall Scottish Cap	17.7	32.6
Britannia Professional	12.3	30.8
Antony Gibbs Growth	12.0	—
Unicorn Growth	11.8	42.7
Stratton F	11.8	49.1
Abbey Capital	11.7	66.9
GT Capital	11.7	43.2
Crescent Growth	11.6	78.4
Capel Capital	11.3	—
Vanguard Growth	11.3	54.3
M & G Compound	11.1	40.4
Sebag Capital	10.7	50.6
Henderson Capital	9.9	52.4
Manulife Growth	9.4	—
Hambro Accumulator	8.9	59.1
Stockholders F	8.8	28.7
Bridge Capital	8.4	42.9
Schroder Capital F	8.4	61.9
Trident UK Growth Ac	8.4	16.9
Sekford Trust	8.3	47.5
Key Equity & General	6.9	23.1
Britannia Comm & Ind	6.1	—
New Court Equity	4.4	26.3
Britannia Growth	4.1	43.5
Britannia Capital Acc	3.4	35.2
Trident Market Lead	3.2	—
Emson Dudley	3.0	41.9
Oceanic Index	2.5	41.0
Britannia Shield	2.0	24.0
Target Growth	1.4	35.9
M & G Magnum	1.1	7.0
Pearl Growth	−0.4	41.3
Gartmore Com Share	−1.8	35.0
S & P Capital	−3.4	42.5
Gartmore Insurance	−3.9	24.6
Midland Dray Cap	−4.6	29.6
S & P Select Inter	−4.7	30.0
Lawson Growth	−4.8	−7.5
M & G Conv Growth	−4.9	21.4
National West Cap	−5.3	25.8
Royal Trust Cap	−6.0	14.8
Midland Dray Grow	−7.0	35.0
Coyne Growth	−7.9	−27.9
S & P Univer Grow	−11.0	19.3

INCOME	A	B
Framlington Income	48.7	193.9
Arbuthnot Extra Inc	34.7	115.9
GT Income	31.9	87.5
Allied Ham High Yld	31.7	127.4
Gartmore High Inc	29.7	156.2
Barrington Hig cield	29.5	—
L & C Income	28.5	—
M & G High Income	27.4	121.2
Chieftain High Inc	27.3	—
Antony Gibbs Income	26.1	—
Prolific High Inc	24.8	88.1
Henderson High Inc	24.6	109.3
Schroder Income F	23.4	129.8
M & G Extra Yield	23.2	120.7
Allied High Income	22.4	69.5
Target Income	22.4	105.3
Unicorn Extra Income	22.1	90.6
Tyndall Scottish Inc	21.8	77.3
Rowan High Yield	21.6	82.7
Wickmoor Dividend	21.6	—
Ansbacher Inc Mth M	20.9	—
Gartmore Income	19.7	96.0
Key Income	19.6	81.4
Lawson High Yield	19.5	73.8
Nat & Comm Inc F	19.4	66.4
Vanguard High Yield	18.9	—
Capel Income	18.8	—
Britannia Extra Inc	18.7	63.3
Mutual High Yield	18.6	59.3
S & P High Return	18.5	107.1
Alben Income	18.2	80.4
Carliol High Yield F	18.1	—
Target Extra Income	18.0	69.1
Hill Samuel High Yd	17.7	93.1
London Wall Ex Inc	17.7	—
Britannia Inc & Gro	17.5	71.3
Midland Dray H Yld	16.6	—
Canlife Income	15.5	70.3
M & G Dividend	14.7	101.9
London Wall H Inc	13.9	104.5
Bridge Income	13.8	66.5
Piccadilly Extra Inc	13.9	44.5
Arbuthnot High Inc	13.7	70.2
Sebag Income	13.5	55.6
British Life Dividend	12.9	92.0
Midland Drayton Inc	12.7	71.0
Charterhouse Income	12.5	50.0
Unicorn Income	12.4	82.0
Allied Equity Income	11.4	70.9
S & P Income	10.8	65.1
Trident Income	10.7	43.6
New Court Income	10.3	53.0
S & P Select Income	9.8	76.9
Hill Samuel Income	9.2	74.6
S & P High Yield	8.5	69.7
Abbey Income	8.3	76.1
S & P Scotyields	8.3	52.6
Tyndall Income	8.1	52.8
Mutual Income	7.8	60.2
National West Ex Inc	7.3	—
Britannia Nat High Inc	6.3	47.8
Lloyds Bank Third	5.7	62.3
National West Inc	5.6	52.2
Oceanic High Income	5.4	56.4
Pearl Income	5.1	64.0

SPECIALIST	A	B
Oceanic Financial	26.9	10.3
Britannia Property	26.9	8.2
Lawson Raw Mater	22.8	—
Target Preference	21.4	76.2
London Wall Finan	18.8	38.2
Midland Drayton Com	18.8	10.6
Arbuthnot Fin & Pro	17.6	19.4
Arbuthnot Com Share	15.7	87.2
Britannia Finan Secs	15.6	—
Britannia New Issue	14.0	45.2
Lawson Gilt	12.7	22.2
Henderson European	11.3	2.6
Britannia Minerals	11.1	−61.5
Bishopsgate Int F	10.9	78.3
Britannia Gold & Gen	10.8	−37.4
Arbuthnot Prefer	10.1	56.9
Gt Winch Overseas M	10.0	89.1
M & G Commodity	9.8	—
Hill Samuel Fin	9.5	40.9
M & G Investment	9.0	41.3
Target Gilt Fund	8.9	—
Charterhouse Fit	8.5	36.8
Unicorn Financial	8.2	40.1
Charterhouse Euro	8.2	12.6
Henderson Financial	8.1	7.2
Target Investment	8.1	35.5
Key Fixed Interest	7.7	—
S & P European	7.1	17.8
Target Commodity	7.0	60.3
Target Financial	6.5	27.9
London & Brussels	6.3	−1.2
Oceanic Investment	6.3	15.3
Security Select F	6.1	23.4
Britannia Invest Trust	5.6	—
Arbuthnot East & Int	5.2	4.1
S & P ITU	4.4	32.1
GT US & General	4.3	9.7
Abbey Investment	3.4	42.3
Practical	3.4	42.6
L & C International	2.9	29.7
S & P Scotbits	2.3	24.0
Schroder Europe M	2.3	−6.0
Britannia Assets	2.2	40.8
Target Eagle	1.9	11.2
National West Finan	1.7	18.9
S & P Financial	1.3	26.9
S & P Commodity	1.2	25.5
Arbuthnot Foreign	0.7	0.2
Britannia Com Shares	0.3	30.3
Mercury International	0.0	—
Allied Met Min Com	−0.1	23.1
Henderson Internat	−0.1	26.6
Arbuthnot Capital	−0.6	3.2
Key Energy	−0.6	—
Henderson Nat Res	−2.3	5.0
Hambro Over Earn	−2.7	—
Crescent Inter	−3.3	33.4
Bridge International	−3.5	22.0
Arbuthnot N A Int	−4.0	−10.7
Stewart American	−4.0	47.8
M & G European	−4.3	9.2
London Wall Inter	−4.4	24.1
GT International	−4.8	—
Endeavour	−5.0	30.2
Henderson Far East	−5.5	66.1
Trident Nil Yield	−5.5	—
S & P Energy	−5.6	55.1
M & G Australasian	−6.4	−10.3
Gartmore Internat	−6.5	4.9
Allied Hambro Pac	−6.6	36.9
Britannia Uni Ener	−6.6	—
M & G Far Eastern	−7.0	30.0
GT Japan & Gen	−7.2	79.0
Hill Samuel Int	−7.9	28.9
Unicorn Australia	−8.0	−4.4
Allied Hambro Int	−8.2	11.4
New Court Int	−8.2	−19.2
Britannia Int Grow	−8.6	5.5
Britannia Far East	−9.2	4.1
Rowan American	−9.9	−3.3
NPI Overseas	−10.5	10.5
Hill Samuel Dollar	−10.7	53.0
Gartmore Far East	−11.3	—
S & P Japan Grow	−11.6	35.8
M & G Japan	−12.0	44.8
Gartmore American	−12.2	—
Henderson Austral	−12.3	−19.2
M & G American	−13.3	48.5
Grantchester	−13.5	11.6
Chieftain Internat	−13.9	—
Target Internat	−14.3	6.2
Hambro Scs o Amer	−14.6	25.3
Ridgefield Internat	−14.8	—
Britannia N Amer	−14.8	6.0
S & P US Growth	−14.9	12.6
Trident Inter	−15.4	−7.3
Charterhouse Inter	−15.9	32.7
Unicorn Worldwide	−16.1	5.4
Oceanic Overseas	−16.3	−23.7
Henderson N Amer	−17.6	−1.1
Unicorn America	−17.8	10.1
Midland Dray Inter	−18.0	8.8
Lawson American	−18.1	−10.8
Trident American	−19.8	−14.1
Antony Gibbs F E	−24.1	—

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Stock markets

Firm as the 'bears' close down

A firm end to the first week of the account owed more to technical factors than genuine investment interest.

The strong exceptions to the general lethargy were Rhodesian bonds and central African mining issues which were spurred by the news from Salisbury that a majority rule agreement had been signed.

For the rest, "bear" closing before the weekend was the order of the day as investment interest was snuffed out by uncertainties on the economic, industrial and profits fronts. The *FT* Ordinary Share Index, exactly eight points lower over the week, closed at 436.2, a gain on the day of 2.8.

Over on the gilts pitch, business was slightly better yesterday than it had been for the previous few days. However, with Government securities continuing to lack direction, there were few movements on the day. Longs drifted quietly up to finish with gains of up to five eighths while at the shorter end stocks closed fractionally firmer, around an eighth better.

There was no trading in the £800m Exchequer 8¾ per cent 1983 which stayed at its issue price of £96½.

The Public Sector Borrowing Requirement *was well received* but made little impact. Earlier comment on the reserves figures enabled many stocks to get off to a firm start.

Hawker Siddeley recovered some of its poise yesterday, adding 4p to 168p. A line of 100,000 shares passing through the market on Thursday had knocked 8p off the price, but the seller is now thought to have finished.

Though in index terms this week's fall has been comparatively modest it has been a disturbing week for the market. The concern over company profits was reawakened and dealers were reminded that the battle over pay still has some way to run with threats of action from the power workers and engineers.

The institutions continue to play a waiting game in a period of economic reappraisal and much now depends on how far they are prepared to let prices fall before reasserting themselves.

Against reports that up to 2.5m shares went through the market after Thursday's figures **EMI** wore a firmer face managing a tuppenny gain for a close of 145p. Turner & Newall, the other index stock to report that day, ended unchanged at 179p.

Among the big name industrial leaders **Beecham** continued to suffer from both a Smith, Keen, Cutler chart "sell" recommendation and a bearish Laurie, Milbank, broker's circular losing another 10p to 583p. **Unilever**, with fourth quarter figures due next week, rose 2p to 482p with dealers speculating about the amount of the currency loss. A popular guess is a figure of around £15m and net of this the market is looking for £110m for the quarter.

Fisons, another with figures next week, has performed well of late but this time held steady at 360p. The market's range of full-year estimates is from £21.5m to £23m, against £18.6m, and good things are expected from the Gallenkamp acquisition. Another reason for the shares recent strength has been a technically oversold position.

A mixed picture on the electrical pitch had ICL down 8p to 208p but both **GEC** 3p to 240p and **Dixons Photographic** 3p to 131p gaining some ground, the latter in reaction to the fall which followed reports of a Japanese supplier in difficulty.

Engineering shares were overshadowed by the prospect of a strike over pay. Hard hit were **Metal Box**, off 4p to 286p, and **John Brown** which slipped 5p to 271p.

After news of a bid **Anston** returned to the market from suspension to close at 76p, a gain of 5p, while hopes of higher terms lifted **London Sumatra** 3p to 119p.

Favourable comment helped leisure shares to make progress notably **Coral** at 110p and **Ladbroke** at 165p, both four pence ahead by the end.

An institutional seller of De La Rue has been depressing the shares this week. But the line of around 100,000 shares was cleared yesterday morning and the shares immediately went ahead to close 8p better at 233p, after 235p.

Over on the insurance pitch **Royal** firmed 7p to 362p after news of its finance and shares deal with **Brixton Estates** which closed a penny better at 95p. Ahead of figures next week **Guardian Royal Exchange** slipped 4p for a close of 216p.

Some stores managed to hold on to early gains which stemmed from oversold positions. Notable in this way was **Gus "A"** which gained 4p to 260p, but **Woolworth** held on to 62p in front of next week's statement which is expected to see profits rise from £40.9m to around £43m. Anything over £40m will be considered satisfactory, say dealers.

Date report of "irregularities" at a subsidiary hit **Pye** which slipped 8p to 90p with most of the fall coming after hours. Both **Shell**, up 5p to 490p, and **BP**, 4p to 724p, gained support in front of figures due soon while **Hambros** rose several pence to 162p in the wake of some favourable comment.

Apart from being good for gold shares in general Rhodesia bonds met with a good demand after the settlement news. The 2.5 per cent 1965-70 finished £4 better at £66.0, the 4.5 per cent 1987-92 *rose £2 to £61.0* and the 6 per cent 1978-81 £3 to £96.0.

The brewery sector was helped by some favourable comment with **Bass Charrington** at 141p and **Whitbread** 84½p particularly favoured. Weak spots were **Durapipe**, off 6p to 94p, **Imperial Cold Store**, down 5p to 90p and **Johnson Matthey** at 384p and **IC Gas** at 320p.

In front of next week's figures **BTR** met with some good support though this was not reflected in the price which gained just a penny to 207p. Dealers are looking for full-year profits in the £30m to £31m range, compared with £24.2m and take particular encouragement from the fact that growth is likely to continue over the current year.

Buyers have appeared for B. Elliott whose United Kingdom machine tool business is going ahead. The group should also be benefiting from the fall in the dollar against the pound in its role as a sizable machine tool importer. For the year ending this month Elliott could make profits of £5.5m or so against £4.2m made in the year to March, 1977. The yield is a strongly covered 9 per cent and historic p/e is 5.

After hours British funds rose another eighth or so after the PSBR news. Leading equities hardened a penny or so where changed.

Equity turnover on March 2 was £63.05m (12,845 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were Beecham, BP, ICI, Rank, Shell, BAT Dfd, Grand Metropolitan, Hawker Siddeley, Distillers, EMI and GEC.

Latest results

Company Int or Fin	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Year's total
Alliance Tst (F)	—(—)	6.8(6.4)	7.37(6.66)	4.90(4.75)	8/5	7.10(6.35)
Bridgewtr Est (F)	—(—)	1.15(0.64)	—(—)	8.5(—)	3/4	13.0(8.8)
Credit Comm (F)a	—(—)	76.7(68.1)	—(—)	8(7.4)	—	8(7.4)
Hawthorn Bkr (I)	0.52(0.51)	0.05c(0.01)	—(—)	Nil(Nil)	—	—(—)
G. Oliver (F)	8.17(7.14)	0.64(0.54)	6.25(4.51)	1.29(1.15)	29/4	1.87(1.68)
Tran-Oceanic (I)	—(—)	—(—)	—(—)	1.50(—)	3/5	—(—)
Wheelock Mar (I)	—(—)	—(—)	—(—)	15b(—)	—	35(—)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.515. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net. a Figures are in French francs. b Cents. c Forecast.

Opclear for traded options now launched

By Bryan Appleyard

Stockbrokers Vickers da Costa and Joseph Sebag have launched Opclear, the first clearing agency for traded options.

The move is in anticipation of the opening of the London traded options market now expected within the next few weeks to coincide roughly with the opening of the Amsterdam market on April 4.

It seems likely that Opclear will be one of four agencies set up initially. The other brokers *believed to be considering* similar agencies are: Grieveson Grant, Sheppards & Chase and Phillips & Drew.

The function of Opclear, with Stock Exchange Council approval, is to provide brokers with a computer and office service to monitor and calculate clients' margins daily and generally cover all the complex technical problems of the option market.

They take responsibility for all trades cleared by themselves and give a further cross-guarantee of £125,000 to the Council of the Stock Exchange.

The central clearing function will be carried out by London Traded Options Clearing House, a Stock Exchange subsidiary.

Opclear itself is a completely separate entity from the two brokers so that it can act independently with other firms.

It will produce daily lists of new margin requirements for clients in both detailed and summary *form and give position reports* on how latest movements have affected margin positions.

Opclear can also give a clearing service to market makers and provide a service for other brokers which have their own facility for margin-monitoring.

Along with the five jobbers, each of whom are expected to be allocated two stocks out of the total of 10 likely to be traded, Vickers was one of the prime movers in pressing for the establishment of the market in April last year. It has also been active in the existing option market.

Sebag has been involved in traded options dealing via its United States subsidiary.

Wm Morrison pays £1.1m for ex-footballer's grocery chain

For about £1.1m cash, Wm Morrison Supermarkets is buying Whelans Discount Stores, a private company based in Wigan. The company, which retails groceries, general and household goods is being sold by a former professional footballer, Mr Dave Whelan, a former Blackburn Rovers player. Mr Whelan started his business with a stall in Wigan market and now plans to concentrate on expanding his existing sports goods operation. He broke a leg in the 1960 Cup Final at Wembley.

Whelans stores operate supermarkets at Bolton, Chorley, Failsworth, Preston, St Helens and Wigan. Mr Howard Watkinson, the finance director of Wm Morrison, said that his group aims to double the profit margins of the Whelan business to bring them into line with the Morrison returns. The acquisition will result in considerable savings in the administrative overheads of the enlarged group.

The agreed deal is based on a cash price roughly equal to the total of Whelans' shareholders funds and deferred taxation, plus a sum of £350,000. Of the £1.1m purchase price, about £500,000 will be payable on completion, with the balance falling due for payment once verified accounts for Whelans as at the date of completion are available.

Over the year to May 7, pre-tax profits of Whelans reached £165,000 and assets at that date were £311,000, or £740,000 if deferred taxation of £429,000 is included. In addition to its six supermarkets, Whelans, which currently has turnover of more than £10m, also has a site available for development.

After a satisfactory half year, the Wm Morrison board said in September that the group was heading for a successful final result for the year to January 31. Trading margins were being maintained, and the reduction in interest rates was expected to bring *considerable benefits*.

Brixton Ests again in loan deal with Royal

By Richard Allen

Brixton Estates is to borrow £5m from Royal Insurance in a carbon copy of an unusual deal which took place between the two groups in 1975.

Under the new deal Royal is to make available a 15-year facility which may be drawn down over the next three years. The rate of interest will be 1 per cent under the gross redemption yield of 11¾ per cent Treasury Stock, 1991, at the date of each drawing.

In return for terms a good two points under usual rates Royal is to be granted options to buy new shares in Brixton at the rate of 25 ordinary for each £100 borrowed at a subscription price of 104p.

In 1975 Royal granted Brixton a 10-year facility for the same amount on a similar basis in exchange for options covering 1.4 million shares at an exercise price of 74.54p. This compares with a current market price of 95p.

The deal will require shareholders' approval but agreement has already been given by Brixton's biggest stakeholder, Clerical, Medical & General, which has over 23 per cent. If all options from both deals are exercised, Brixton's capital will be increased by something under 3 per cent and Royal's overall holding in the property company will rise to 12.6 per cent.

Brixton has also recently borrowed £6m of five-year money from American banks to refinance revolving credit as well as provide further funds for developing first-class industrial and commercial property.

Second-half upswing pushes G Oliver to peak £648,000

By Victor Felstead

Leicester-based George Oliver (Footwear) bounced back in the second half of last year—after the first's depressing downturn—to bring in record profits.

Before tax, they rose by 18 per cent to £648,000. As they tumbled from £176,000 to £37,000 in the first six months, this points to a jump in the second half of almost 64 per cent. The year's turnover is 14 per cent higher at £8.17m. This compares with the 18.9 per cent rate of increase in the second-half's sales. In addition to this cheerful news is the fact that the group is able to take in extraordinary credits of £411,000, against only £24,000 last year.

With earnings a share up from 4.51p to 6.25p, the total gross payment is being lifted from 2.55p to 2.83p.

At interim time last September, the board blamed the lack of demand for the group's seasonal merchandise for the profit fall. It explained that the cold and unsettled spring and early summer weather last year depressed sales of sandalized footwear which, being the projected fashion for the period, formed a major proportion of the group's stock.

However, after the end of the half-year, the level of trading had become more acceptable, with the indication that the second six months would be better. Clearly, things went well for Oliver.

In brief

Cluff Oil annual loss steeper

Cluff Oil, the oil exploration *group, increased its pre-tax loss* for 1977 from £113,000 to £438,000.

This was struck after exploration expenditure written-off of £355,000 against £94,000. The transfer to exchange equalisation reserve amounted to £76,000 compared with nil for last year.

In his annual statement Mr Peter Cooper, chairman, says that the company is actively engaged now in examining additional exploration opportunities and the groundwork has been laid for applications in the Middle East and the United States.

All such applications *will* have regard to the need to conserve group resources until the Buchan royalty cash flow generates substantial income next year.

TONGKAH TIN

Pre-tax profits of Tongkah Harbour Tin Dredging fell from *SM2.22m to SM1.87m for the half-year* to December 31.

AOKAM TIN

Pre-tax profits of Aokam Tin declined from SM9.37m to SM7.95m in the half-year to December 31.

FIRST NAT FINANCE

Mr J. P. R. Glyn, chairman of First National Finance Corporation *writes in accounts that if* interest rates stay where they are and rise in property values become firmly established trend seen in second half of last year should continue. Task of continuing to repay borrowings and earn profit formidable.

PILKINGTON BROTHERS

Group has bought half of Lahden Lasitehdas Oy, Finland's sole sheet glass manufacturer. Other half bought by Bank of Helsinki with other Finnish partners.

POHANG IRON AND STEEL

Citicorp International says agreement for $100m seven-year syndicated loan for Pohang now signed. First time Korean banks have participated in lending syndicate for a Korean corporate borrower. Interest 1¾ per cent over LIBOR.

DEANSON (HOLDINGS)

Co has bought AGW Computer Security for £75,000 cash and 300,000 ord.

LOAN FOR PANAMA

First Chicago, the First National Bank of Chicago's merchant banking subsidiary, announces signing of largest ever Eurodollar loan to Republic of Panama, for seven-year term.

FOTHERGILL & HARVEY

Agreement has been reached for Fothergill & Harvey to buy from TI Flexible Tubes the proofing operation of the compoflex division. The unaudited operating profit of the division for 1977 was in the region of £140,000. The purchase consideration for assets and goodwill will be based on values at March 31, 1978.

Power strike and slump hit Dunlop (Australia)

Down went Dunlop (Australia) in the six months to December 31 and the Victorian power strike last October was only partly to blame. Operating profits after tax fell from $A10.26m to $A8.02m (around £4.6m). By contrast, sales rose from $280.04m to $289.48m.

Profits are stated after tax of $3.69m against $5.91m, a rise in interest charges but unchanged depreciation. The interim dividend is again 4 cents. The group blames most of the set-back on the power strike but not all of it.

Depression in the tyre industry did not help, and it is not yet benefiting from the emergency tariff introduced late last. However, it should do so soon because large import stocks are almost cleared.

Coca-Cola optimism

New York.—Cola-Cola reports higher 1977 earnings and anticipates another strong year in 1978. Soft drinks in the United States should benefit from continued expansion of the two-litre polyester plastic bottle into new markets, renewed strength in the diet market and *from expected profit rises in* non-soft-drink operations. Sales last year rose from $3.09 billion to $3.56 billion, moving net profits from $290.7m to $326.2m.—Reuter.

International

Dutch suspension

Amsterdam.—Trading in the shares, debentures and convertible debentures of Koninklijke Scholten-Honig has been suspended in Amsterdam, the *Stock Exchange Association* said.

The Dutch starch and food manufacturing group reported a loss of over Fl28m in the year to August 1, partly as a result of problems in its isoglucose sector.

New Colophonium bid

The board of Colophonium has increased its offer for London Australia Investment from A$1.30 to $1.40 per share. In addition, Colophonium plans to allow LAIC stockholders to keep the final dividend of 5.5 cents that LAIC directors have *indicated will be paid in* March.

Cockburn Cement more than doubles

More than doubled profits are reported for 1977 by Cockburn Cement, the Australian company which is 85 per cent owned by Rugby Portland of the United Kingdom. On turnover 34 per cent up at $A29.56m (about £17m), pre-tax profits jumped from $A2.6m to $A5.52m (about £3m). The total dividend goes up from 6½ to 7 cents a share. *Cockburn's board explains that* the profit rise reflects improved sales of cement over the depressed levels of 1975 and 1976 and the continued growth of the group's lime business. This improvement has been maintained, albeit modestly, in the first two months of 1978.

G M Firth completes development scheme

The G. M. Firth (Metals) group has finished the development of its purpose-built factory at Bradford. The total cost was about £537,000, including *removal and reorganization* costs. Development grants of £29,000 have been received to date and a further £45,000 may be forthcoming. The group has also completed a sale of a lease-back deal.

Benefits to the group include a substantial reduction in group borrowings and an increase in shareholders' net tangible assets of about £227,000.

Pirelli in cash call after a good 1977

Milan.—Pirelli plans to raise its capital by Lire 8.1 billion to Lire 18.5 billion by raising the nominal value of its shares from Lire 750 to Lire 1,000, and by a one for three rights issue at the new par value. The new shares will rank for dividend as from January 1 last.

Pirelli also reports an increase in profits to Lire 2.26 billion in 1977 from Lire 1.5 billion the year before. It plans to raise its dividend to Lire 130 from Lire 110 and set aside Lire 400m for a special dividend stabilization fund. — Reuter.

Anston Hldgs agrees to £2.4m approach

In an agreed deal, Clerk's Acre (Hassocks), a private company controlled by Mr R. H. Stoner, is making a cash offer from Anston Holdings — in which Mr Stoner is a joint managing director. The terms at 76p cash for each Anston share, value the whole group at about £2.4m. Clerk's Acre already has a stake of 25 per cent in Anston.

NE Shiprepairers to cancel preference

North East Coast Shiprepairers proposes the cancellation of its preference shares and the payment of 75p for each share held when the scheme becomes effective. In addition, the dividend due but not paid on September 30 last will be paid on March 31 next, together with the dividend due on that date.

M.C. Transport well set to meet target

It looks at if Mitchell Cotts Transport, which is a subsidiary of Mitchell Cotts Group, is well on the way to achieving its forecast of profits of £1m pre-tax for 1977-78. In the half-year to December 31, pre-tax profits rose by 26 per cent to £511,000, after a smaller interest charge of £65,000, against £87,000.

Ang-Continental to sell Argyle Securities' stake

Following the policy announced earlier in the year, Anglo-Continental Investment & Finance has agreed to sell its 47 per cent shareholding in Argyle Securities to Evon SA, a private overseas investment company in which family companies associated with Sir James Goldsmith—the former chairman of Anglo—have a minority interest. Evon has also agreed to acquire the share capital of Belvedere SA, which owns the other 53 per cent shareholding in Argyle Securities.

C Moran keeps up with the payments

Although Christopher Moran, the holding company for the Lloyd's insurance broking interests, has put subsidiary, Victor Cabs, into liquidation, it must still keep up the payments owed.

Moran has just applied to the *Stock Exchange for the listing* of 181,000 ordinary shares as part of the final instalment of the purchase price. The shares of 20p each, credited as fully paid will be issued at 55p.

The number of new shares now being issued is less than provided for in Moran's last *set of accounts following agreement* with the vendors of Victor Cabs for a higher proportion of such final instalment to be paid in cash.

BRUNNER INVESTMENT TRUST LIMITED

The following is the statement of the Chairman, **Mr. T. B. H. Brunner,** *circulated with the Report and Accounts for the year ended 30th November, 1977.*

Stockholders will note from the Annual Report that in 1977 the Trust's gross income increased by 16.4% to £1,023,821 and net income (ie, after providing for administrative expenses, interest payments, taxation and payment of the dividend on the *Preference Stock*) increased by 17.6% to £573,398. Consequently your Board was able to declare a higher interim dividend of 1.60 pence per unit, and now recommend payment of a higher final dividend of 1.95 pence per unit resulting in a total distribution for the year of 3.55 pence per unit (2.95 pence in 1976). Stockholders will further note that invested funds at 30th November, 1977, were valued at £21,550,006 (£14,739,448 in 1976) and that, after deducting prior charges at par and net current liabilities, such funds were worth 124.5 pence per 25 pence unit, an increase of 43% over the previous year. In the same period the F. T. Actuaries All Share Index rose by 61.6% but the Standard and Poors Composite Index fell by 7.1% (16.2% after adjusting for the U.S. dollar premium and the exchange rate).

The rise in gross income to over £1 million in this the Trust's 50th year of operation owed in the main to welcome gains in U.K. and foreign investment income. Although further useful gains from these sources may be expected in 1978 these are unlikely to be on such a scale as to allow your *Directors to recommend the same proportionate increase in* total distribution to Stockholders next year.

The Historical Record on page 15 of the Annual Report indicates a substantial reduction in the proportion of investments held in the U.S.A. This resulted from the greatly superior performance of the U.K. equity market in 1977. In 1978 I believe it may be the turn of the U.S. market to gather strength but this is unlikely to precede a revival of confidence in the dollar and in Mr Carter's Administration.

A year ago I promised Stockholders that they would be *advised of any material change in the financing of the Trust's* assets. I should therefore report that in September your Board arranged a U.S. $2 million overdraft facility from Kleinwort Benson and that in December this was increased to U.S. $3 million. The proceeds of the overdraft are being used primarily to increase the U.S. dollar component of the Trust's portfolio at a time when certain U.S. common stocks look attractively valued.

Mr G. M. Duthie, a member of the Board since 1969, resigned on 4th November, to take up an appointment with B. A. T. Industries. *Mr Duthie's counsel has been much* appreciated by his colleagues, and we wish him well in his new responsibilities. In his place we have invited Mr J. F. H. Trott, a director of Kleinwort Benson, to join the Board. At the forthcoming Annual General Meeting Stockholders will be asked to confirm Mr Trott's appointment.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday, 31st March, 1978, at 12.45 pm, at the Company's registered office, 20 Fenchurch Street, London, EC3P 3DB. Copies of the Full Annual Report are obtainable from the Secretary at that address.

Brunner's asset value up 43 pc

Brunner Investment Trust's invested funds at the year-end, November 30, were valued at £21.55m, against £14.73m in 1976 and, after deducting prior charges at par and net current liabilities, these funds were worth 124.5p per 25p unit—an increase of 43 per cent over the previous year. Brunner's shares closed unchanged yesterday at 79½p.

In his annual statement the trust's chairman, Mr T. B. H. Brunner, tells shareholders that the rise in gross income to over £1m in 1976-77, the trust's fiftieth year of operation, owed in the main to welcome gains in United Kingdom and foreign investment income.

Although "further useful gains" from these sources may be expected in 1978, says the chairman, these are unlikely to be on such a scale as to allow the board to recommend the same proportionate increase in total distribution next year.

The historical record shows that in 1976-77, the percentage of invested funds in Britain rose from 61.2 to 73.7, while that in the United States fell from 31.4 to 22.0.

The chairman explains that this resulted from the "greatly superior" performance of the United Kingdom equity market in 1977. In 1978, he believes it may be the turn of the United States market to gather strength.

Recent Issues

	Closing Price
Automated Sec 8% Cnv Pf (£1)	[illegible]
Exchequer 8¾% 1983 (£96½)	£96¼
Kensington Chel 11¾% 83-? (£100)	£13½
Do Variable 1983 (£100)	£10⅛
Pearson S. 10¾% Prf Cnv 1995-98	£20
Thameside 10¾% 1994-95 (£99¼)	£46¼
Do Variable 1983 (£99¾)	£20

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renunc	
AGB Research (55)	Mar 31	86
Beaumont Prop (70)	Apr 4	9 prem
Com Bnk Aust ($A1.75)	Mar 10	136
Millbury (50)		20 prem

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‖ Nil paid. a £10 paid. b £30 paid. c £20 paid. d £20 paid. e £25 paid. f Fully paid. g £40 paid.

Wall Street

New York, March 3.—The stock market closed slightly higher today.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 0.56 at 747.31.

Some 740 issues gained with 540 lower.

Volume totalled 20,120,000 shares compared with 20,280,000 yesterday.

Brokers attributed a generally firm tone throughout the session to a recovery of the dollar on foreign exchanges. It gained despite the Government report of a $2,380m trade deficit in January—the biggest since the record set in October. Dealers in Europe said the size of the deficit was in line with expectations.

Gold loses ground

New York, March 3.—**GOLD** lost ground on both the New York Comex and the Chicago IMM. NY COMEX: March, $183.40; April, $184.60; May, $185.90; June, $187.30; Aug, $190.00; Oct, $192.60; Dec, $195.30; Feb, $198.10; April, $201.10; June, $204.10; Aug, $207.10; Oct, $210.10; Dec, $213.10. CHICAGO IMM: March, $184.00-184.10; June, $187.30-187.40; Sept, $191.60; Dec, $195.90-195.70; March, $200.10; June, $204.30 bid; Sept, $208.20; Dec, $212.30.

SILVER futures reduced earlier losses and prices ended 0.50 to 0.40 cent net lower. March, 498.60c; April, 501.50c; May, 505.00c; July, 512.50c; Sept, 520.00c; Dec, 531.70c; Jan, 535.30c; March, 543.40c; May, 551.50c; July, 559.20c; Sept, 567.20c; Dec, 579.20c; Jan, 583.20c. Handy & Harman, 499.00 (500.50c). Handy & Harman of Canada, $5.737 ($5.665).

COPPER closed steady. March, 56.50c; April, 56.80c; May, 57.50c; July, 58.30c; Sept, 59.30c; Dec, 60.30c; Jan, 61.30c; March, 62.30c; May, 63.20c; July, 64.20c; Sept, 65.10c; Dec, 66.40c; Jan, 67.10c.

SUGAR futures fell 0.14 to 0.05 cent net at the close. May, 8.66-67c; July, 8.93-94c; Sept, 9.20c; Oct, 9.35c; Jan, 9.85-87c; March, 10.05-08c; May, 10.26-27c; July, 10.44-45c.

COCOA futures sold off towards the close on local profit-taking to finish 2.90 to 5.05 cents lower. March, 142.20c; May, 141.23c; July, 138.60c; Sept, 135.70c; Dec, 130.81c; March, 128.85c; May, 127.00c; July, 125.50c.

COFFEE futures closed the session locked down the four cent limit — March, 153.73c; May, 131.82c; July, 127.00c; Sept, 132.50c; Dec, 121.00c; March, 119.60-50c; May, 115.51c bid; July, 114.51-5.00c.

COTTON futures performed in a lack-lustre manner for the second day as the market awaited word from Washington on possible cotton acreage cut-backs for 1978.—March, 55.55c; May, 56.80-85c; July, 57.45-8.00c; Oct, 59.10c; Dec, 59.72c; March, 60.92c; May, 61.20c bid; July, 61.50c bid.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS: A Soyabean futures showed strength through most of the session, driving upward on heavy trading volume to close 11½c higher. SOYABEANS.—March 614-13c; May 625-25½c; July 629-28c; Aug 625-26c; Sept 605-03c; Nov 593-94c; Jan 600-00½c; March 606c. SOYABEAN OIL.—March 23.80-87c; May 23.45-50c; July 23.25-20c; Aug 22.75-80c; Sept 22.23-20c; Oct 21.40-60c; Dec 21.25-17c; Jan 21.15c; March 21.15c. SOYABEAN MEAL.—March $159.50; May $162.60-3.00; July $163.50-3.40; Aug $163.80-5.00; Sept $162.50; Oct $159.00; Dec $161.00-5.00; Jan $162.00-3.00; March $162.50-3.00.

CHICAGO GRAINS: Wheat futures lost much of their early gains but finished the session ¾ to 1½ cents a bushel higher. WHEAT: March, 263¾-60c; May, 270¼-71¼c; July, 270-70¼c; Sept, 274¼c; Dec, 281c; March, 287½c. MAIZE: March, 228½-29c; May, 233-33¼c; July, 234½-¾c; Sept, 232¾c; Dec, 232¾-33c; March, 241-41½c. OATS: March, 125½c; May, 131c; July, 133½c; Sept, 137c; Dec, 141c.

	Mar 3	Mar 2
Allied Chem	35⅛	35⅛
Allied Stores	20	20
Allied Supermkt	2¾	2¾
Allis Chalmers	24¼	24⅝
Alcoa	39	39
Amax Inc	33¾	33¾
Amerada Hess	23⅛	23¾
Am Airlines	9½	9⅝
Am Brands	45	44½
Am Broadcast	37⅞	37⅛
Am Can	35¼	35⅞
Am Cyanamid	24	23⅞
Am Elec Power	22⅞	22¾
Am Home	27	26¾
Am Motors	4¼	4⅜
Am Nat Res	40	40
Am Standard	34	34¼
Am Telephone	59⅛	58⅞
AMF Inc	16½	16⅝
Armco Steel	26¾	26⅞
Asarco	15¾	15⅛
Ashland Oil	28¾	29
Atlntic Richfield	43⅞	43½
Avco	19⅛	19¾
Avon Products	45	44¾
Babcock & Wcox	58	55
Bankers Tst NY	34½	34½
Bank of America	21⅝	21¼
Bank of NY	30¼	30½
Beatrice Foods	23⅛	22⅞
Bell & Howell	15¼	18¾
Bendix	35½	35¼
Bethlehem Steel	21¼	20⅛
Boeing	32⅞	32⅝
Boise Cascade	23⅛	23
Borden	28⅞	29
Borg Warner	25½	25⅛
Bristol Myers	29	29
BP	13⅛	13⅞
Budd	32	32
Burlington Ind	19⅞	19¾
Burlington Nthn	36¾	36¾
Burroughs	59¼	58⅞
Campbell Soup	33⅝	33½
Canadian Pacific	14⅛	14⅛
Caterpillar	49⅞	49½
Celanese	39¼	39¾
Central Sova	13½	13¾
Charter NY	27⅛	27⅞
Chase Manhat	28⅞	28½
Chem Bank NY	37⅝	37⅝
Chesapeake Ohio	32¾	32⅝
Chrysler	10⅞	11¼
Citicorp	20⅛	20⅜
Cities Service	45¾	46⅝
Clark Equip	31⅝	31½
Coca Cola	37	36⅝
Colgate	19⅞	19¾
CBS	44	44
Columbia Gas	28⅛	28⅛
Combustion Eng	32⅞	32⅛
Comwlth Edison	27⅛	26⅞
Cons Edison	22⅛	22¾
Cons Foods	23⅝	23½
Cons Power	22⅛	22¾
Continental Grp	29½	29½
Continental Oil	27	26⅛
Control Data	24¼	24
Corning Glass	46	45¾
CPC Intnl	45⅝	45⅞
Crane	26¾	26⅞e
Crocker Int	25⅛	24⅞
Crown Zeller	29⅝	29¾
Dart Ind	35⅛	36
Deere	23⅛	23⅛
Del Monte	24⅛	24⅛
Delta Air	37⅞	37⅞
Detroit Edison	16⅛	16¾
Disney	33	32⅞
Dow Chemical	25⅞	25⅞
Dresser Ind	37⅛	38¼
Duke Power	20	19⅞
Du Pont	99½	99
Eastern Air	6¾	7
Eastman Kodak	41⅝	42⅜
Eaton Corp	33½	33½
El Paso Nat Gas	15	15
Equitable Life	24¼	24¾
Esmark	25⅝	25⅞
Evans P. D.	14⅝	14⅞
Exxon Corp	44½	44¾
Fed Dept Stores	34	34¼
Firestone	13⅞	13¾
Fst Chicago	17¾	17¾
Fst Nat Boston	36	36
Fst Penn Corp	16½	16⅝
Ford	43⅝	42¾
GAF Corp	10⅝	10½
Gamble Skogmo	27½	28
Gen Dynamics	41	40⅝
Gen Electric	44¼	43⅞
Gen Foods	29¼	28¾
Gen Mills	29	27⅞
Gen Motors	55½	55⅝
Gen Pub Util NY	19¼	19¼
Gen Tel Elec	28¾	28½
Gen Tire	24½	24½
Genesco	5½	5⅛
Georgia Pacific	24¼	24⅛
Getty Oil	160	153½
Gillette	25	25¼
Goodrich	19⅜	19¼
Goodyear	16	15⅞
Gould Inc	24½	26
Grace	24¾	24⅛
Gt Atlte & Pacific	8	7⅞
Greyhound	13	12⅞
Grumman Corp	16	16⅛
Gulf Oil	24¼	24¼
Gulf & West	11⅝	11½
Heinz H. J.	37⅛	36⅞
Hercules	13	12⅞
Honeywell	44½	44½
IC Inds	23⅛	23⅞
Ingersoll	53½	54½
Inland Steel	34¼	34½
IBM	215	249
Int Harvester	27½	27½
INCO	13⅞	13⅞
Int Paper	36	35⅞
Int Tel Tel	27⅞	27
Jewel Co	17¼	17½
Jim Walter	27¾	27¼
Johns-Manville	29⅞	30
Johnson & John	67¾	67¼
Kaiser Alumin	28⅝	28⅞
Kennecott	23⅞	22⅞
Kerr McGee	41⅞	40½
Kimberly Clark	42¾	43
Kraftco Corp	42½	43⅛
K Mart	24½	24⅝
Kroger	26⅞	26⅝
Liggett Group	27⅞	27⅞
L.T.V. Corp	5⅜	5⅛
Litton	15⅛	15
Lockheed	14½	14⅜
Lucky Stores	13⅝e	13⅞
Manuf Hanover	29⅛	28⅞
Mapco	32	31½
Marathon Oil	41⅞	41
Marine Midland	12¾	12⅞
Martin Marietta	23⅞	23½
McDonnell	23⅞	23⅞
Mead	17⅛	17¼
Merck	51⅞	52
Minnesota Mng	45	45
Mobil Oil	59⅛	59⅞
Monsanto	44⅝	44½
Morgan J. P.	40⅞	40⅞
Motorola	35⅛	35½
NCR Corp	40⅞	40⅞
NL Industries	15⅞	16⅛
Nabisco	45⅞	46½
Nat Distillers	21½	21⅞
Nat Steel	29⅞	29⅞
Norfolk West	25	25⅞
NW Bancorp	21⅞	21⅞
Norton Simon	17⅛	17½
Occidental Pet	22⅛	22⅞
Ogden	24	24
Olin Corp	14	13½
Owens-Illinois	21¼	21
Pacific Gas Elec	24⅛	24¼
Pan Am	4⅞	4⅞
Penney J. C.	34⅛	33⅞
Pennzoil	25⅞	26⅞
Pepsico	25	25
Pet Inc	37½	37
Pfizer	25¾	26
Phelps Dodge	19	19
Philip Morris	56⅛	56⅝
Phillips Petrol	28¾	28¾
Polaroid	24⅞e	24⅞
PPG Ind	24⅞	24⅞
Proctor Gamble	76½	76⅞
Pub Ser El & Gas	21½	21⅞
Pullman	24⅛	24⅛
Rapid American	7⅞	7⅞
Raytheon	32⅝	31⅞
RCA Corp	24	23⅞
Republic Steel	23	22¾
Reynolds Ind	54½	54¼
Reynolds Metal	28⅞	28½
Rockwell Int	30⅞	30⅞
Royal Dutch	57½	57¼
Safeways	36	35⅞
St Regis Paper	26⅞	26⅞
Santa Fe Ind	34¼	34¼
SCM	16⅞	16½
Schlumberger	65⅝	65⅞
Scott Paper	12⅞	12⅞
Seaboard Coast	31	31
Seagram	21¼	21¼
Sears Roebuck	24¾	24½
Shell Oil	30½	30¼
Shell Trans	38	38
Signal Co	28½	28⅝
Singer	18⅛	18⅝
Sony	7⅞	7½
Sth Cal Edison	25⅞	25½
Southern Pacific	32⅞	32
Southern Rly	45¾	45¾
Sperry Rand	33⅞	32⅞
Squibb	22⅞	22⅞
Std Brands	22⅞	22¾
Std Oil California	38⅞	37⅞
Std Oil Indiana	44⅞	44½
Std Oil Ohio	61⅛	61½
Sterling Drug	13	12⅞
Stevens J. P.	14⅜	14½
Stude Worth	48⅝	49⅞
Sunbeam Corp	18	19⅛
Sun Comp	35⅞	36
Teledyne	74½	75⅛
Tenneco	28⅞	28⅞
Texaco	25⅞	25¾
Texas East Trans	39⅞	39⅞
Texas Inst	63⅞	64
Texas Utilities	20⅛	20¼
Textron	27⅞	27⅛
TWA	12⅛	12⅞
Travelers Corp	29⅞	29½
TRW Inc	32⅞	32⅞
UAL Inc	20⅞	20½
Unilever Ltd	37⅞	37⅞
Unilever NV	56⅞	55⅞
Union Bancorp	13	13
Union Carbide	38⅛	38⅛
Union Oil Calif	48⅞	49
Un Pacific Corp	42⅞	42½
Uniroyal	7⅞	7⅛
United Brands	7½	7
US Industries	7⅞	7⅛
US Steel	26⅞	26⅞
Utd Technol	35	34⅞
Wachovia	16¾	16⅞
Warner Comm	32⅞	32⅞
Warner Lambert	26⅛	26
Wells Fargo	25	24⅞
West'n Bancorp	30⅛	30⅛
Westnghse Elec	17¼	17⅞
Weyerhauser	22⅛	21⅞
Whirlpool	21⅛	21⅛
White Motor	6⅞	7
Woolworth	17¼	17⅞
Xerox Corp	42⅞	42
Zenith	12⅝	12⅞e

Canadian Prices

	Mar 3	Mar 2
Abitibi	11½	11½
Alcan Alumin	25⅞	25⅞
Algoma Steel	18	17⅞
Bell Telephone	55	54⅞
Cominco	28½	28⅞
Cons Bathurst	23⅞	23⅞
Falconbridge	16¼	16⅛
Gulf Oil	26⅛	26⅞
Hawker Sid Can	5.88	5.75
Hudson Bay Min	15⅞	15¾
Hudson Bay Oil	42½	42¾
Imasco	30⅞	31⅞
Imperial Oil	19⅛	18⅞
Int Pipe	13⅞	13⅞
Mass-Ferguson	10⅞	10⅞
Royal Trust	16⅞	16⅞
Seagram	25⅞	25⅞
Steel Co	23¾	23
Talcorp	8⅞	8⅞
Thomson N 'A'	11½	11⅜
Walker Hiram	31¾	31¾
WCT	32⅞	32⅞

e Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, 1.9405 (1.9415); three months, 1.9385 (1.9466); Canadian dollar 89.29 (89.45).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was 353.33. The futures index was off 3.28 at 350.07.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 747.31 (746.45); transportation, 201.65 (201.84); utilities, 103.65 (103.45); 65 stocks, 263.16 (261.91).

New York Stock Exchange index, 48.67 (48.60); industrials 51.87 (51.79); transportation, 38.24 (38.21); utilities, 38.74 (38.69); financial, 30.51 (30.26).

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	1977	1976	Increase %
Asset Value per share	106.5p	78.4p	35.8
Including dollar premium	5.2p	9.8p	—
Total Assets	£73,360,097	£57,560,219	27.4
Net Revenue	£1,455,571	£1,110,762	31.0
Net Dividend per share	2.50p	1.95p	28.2

PERFORMANCE

The U.S. portfolio rose by 14.1% in dollar terms against a fall of 17.3% in the Dow Jones Index. The U.K. quoted equity portfolio rose by 66.9% compared with a rise of 36.8% in the F.T. Ordinary Index.

OIL EXPLORATION

During the year London and Scottish Marine Oil became quoted and was valued at £3,459,000 on 31st December 1977 after realizing nearly £1m, or more than the total original cost of the investment. *Drilling* is expected this year on blocks 23/27 and 3/30.

CURRENCY

The proportion of U.S. assets held through loans was increased from 56% to 71% in July 1977 by drawing down a $5m loan and transferring investments from the premium to the loan portfolio. Recently a further $7.5m loan has been arranged but only $3.5m of this has been drawn down.

EQUITY PORTFOLIO

This was not geared at 31st December, 1977 and was distributed as follows:

UK	43.7%	Europe	2.9%
USA and Canada	39.0%	Other Areas	4.3%
Australia	3.2%	Unquoted	6.9%

LONG TERM STRATEGY

The overall objective is growth in both capital and income over the long term. Present features include a high proportion overseas, financed mainly through dollar loans, a wide spread of holdings, a willingness to back enterprise in small companies and an unquoted portfolio selected for above average growth.

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

Copies, containing a full list of equity investments, can be obtained from managers: **Stewart Fund Managers Limited**
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MARKET REPORTS

Commodities

July-Sept, 51.40-51.45; Oct-Dec, 52.75-52.80; Jan-March, 54.16-54.20; April-June, 55.40-55.45; July-Sept, 56.00-56.85; Oct-Dec, 58.20-58.25. Sales: 423 lots at 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were quiet.—Spot, 48-49.50. Cifs, Apl, 49.25-49.50; May, 49.50-50.00.

COFFEE: Robustas was about steady; arabicas was weak.—ROBUSTAS (£ per metric tonne): March, 1,592-93; May, 1,419-20; July, 1,329-30; Sept, 1,282-85; Nov, 1,240-50; Jan, 1,216-22; March, 1,185-88. Sales, 2,525 lots including 13 options.

ARABICAS ($ per 50 kilos): April, 185.50-88.00; June, 166.50-67.00; Aug, 156-56.75; Oct, 146-46.35; Dec, 138.50-39.00; Feb, 136-37; April, 126-35. Sales, 58 lots.

COCOA was easier losing most of Thursday's gains. March, £1,750-55 per metric ton; May, £1,655-58; July, £1,614.50-15.50; Sept, £1,592-93; Dec, £1,560-70; March, £1,545-50; May, £1,525-35. Sales, 5,665 lots including 57 options. ICCO prices: daily 143.89c; 15-day average, 129.10c; 22-day average, 129.27c (US cents per lb).

SUGAR futures were steady. The London daily price of "raws" was unchanged at £106; the "whites" price was unchanged at £112. May, £120.65-10.75 per metric ton; Aug, £115.55-16.70; Oct, £118.60-18.75; Dec, £121.75-22.00; March, £126.50-26.60; May, £129.75-30.00; Aug, £131.75-32.00. Sales, 1,589 lots. ISA prices, 8.41c; 15-day average 8.39c.

SOYABEAN MEAL was steadier.—April, £110.20-10.30 per metric ton; June, £109.30-10.00; Dec, £107.20-07.50; Feb, £110-111; April, £109.50-13.50. Sales: 122 lots.

GRAIN (The Baltic). — WHEAT. — Canadian western red spring No 1, 13½ per cent: March, £85.50 Tilbury. United States dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent: March, £81; April £80 trans-shipment east coast.

MAIZE. — No 3 yellow American/French: March, £100 trans-shipment east coast. Kenya grade 3: April $120 fob. South African yellow: £68.

BARLEY was unquoted. All per tonne cif United Kingdom unless stated. London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin. — BARLEY was steady: March, £71.10; May, £73.05; Sept, £77.65; Nov, £80.05; Jan, £83.50. Sales: 109 lots.

WHEAT: Old crop steady; new crop slightly easier: March, £83.15; May, £85.15; Sept, £82.50; Nov, £84.85; Jan, £87.45. Sales, 137 lots.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

Foreign Exchange

The dollar recovered a little of recent losses in thin and nervous pre-weekend trading yesterday. Early gains, reflecting the mild boost to sentiment administered by President Carter's overnight hopes for the currency and Mr Miller's confirmation as Federal chairman, were extended later on an American trade deficit no worse than feared.

Some closing of oversold positions developed, but the dollar eventually slipped back from best levels after first voting returns from striking United States coal miners had rejected the proposed pay contract.

Nevertheless, the two strongest currencies, the Swiss franc, 1.8650 (1.8350), and D mark 2.0220 (2.0090), ended lower against the dollar.

Although easing 20 points to 1.9395 in dollar terms, the pound recovered from an easier start to show modest gains over Europeans, and its effective currency basket average was finally up at 65.3 (65.1 overnight).

Continentals losing ground to the dollar included French francs, 4.7500 (4.7325), the guilder 2.1720 (2.1500), and Belgian franc 31.52 (31.32). The yen improved to 238.10 (238.30).

Gold lost $0.50 an ounce to close in London at $183.875.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $183.8 (an ounce); pm, $183.45. Krugerrand (per coin): non-resident, $189-191; resident, $188½-191½. Sovereigns (new): non-resident, $57-59; resident, $57½-59½.

Discount market

Quiet conditions again prevailed on Lombard Street yesterday. Credit finally proved to be very slightly short of requirements and the Bank of England countered this by small-scale purchases of Treasury bills and local authority bills directly from the houses.

This was sufficient assistance, and houses took final balances at rates from 5 per cent down to 3½ per cent. Interbank money started in the region of 6½-¾ per cent and stuck there for some time, although most houses were not inclined to pay above 6 per cent. The market had a modest Treasury bill take-up to finance and there was also a fairly large rise in the note circulation ahead of the weekend.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 6½%
(Last changed 6/1/78)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 6½%
Discount Mkt. Loans %
Weekend High 6 Low 3½
Week Fixed: 6-6¼

Bank Base Rates

ABN Bank	6½%
Barclays Bank	6½%
B.C.C.I.	6½%
Consolidated Crdts	6½%
First London Secs	6½%
C. Hoare & Co	*6½%
Lloyds Bank	6½%
London Mercantile	6½%
Midland Bank	6½%
Nat Westminster	6½%
Rossminster Acc's	6½%
TSB	6½%
Williams and Glyn's	6½%

* 7 day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under 3%, up to £25,000 3¾%, over £25,000 4½%.

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The Over-the-Counter Market

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div(p)	Yld %	P/E
48	29	Airsprung Ord	48	—	4.2	8.8	8.9
150	106	Airsprung 18½% CULS	150	+5	18.4	12.3	—
39	25	Armitage & Rhodes	37	—	3.3	8.9	15.7
148	105	Bardon Hill	148	—	12.0	8.1	10.2
112	51	Deborah Ord	112xd	—	5.1	4.5	9.0
224	108	Deborah 17½% CULS	224	+6	17.5	7.8	—
147	120	Frederick Parker	130xd	−2	12.0	9.5	5.1
146	135	George Blair	146	—	15.0	10.2	5.8
58	36	Jackson Group	49	—	5.0	10.2	5.8
114	55	James Burrough	101	−2	6.0	5.9	9.3
340	188	Robert Jenkins	320	—	27.0	8.4	5.4
24	9	Twinlock Ord	16	—	—	—	—
82	54	Twinlock 12% ULS	77	−1	12.0	15.5	—
81	54	Unilock Holdings	81	—	7.0	8.6	10.0
97	67	Walter Alexander	97	+1	6.4	6.5	7.2

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

PARLIAMENT, March 3, 1978

Moves to encourage donors and doctors in kidney transplants

House of Commons

The Department of Health and Social Security was taking steps to encourage some doctors, especially hospital doctors, to cooperate with transplant surgeons by ensuring an increased supply of kindeys, Mr David Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, said during a debate on kidney donors and the problems related to the shortage of kidneys for transplant in hospitals.

He said that a short film was *being made to* help transplant surgeons demonstrate to medical *colleagues the* value of *transplantation*, categories of potential *donors, and the outline of procedures* to be undertaken before *kidneys were removed.*

On the advice of the Transplant Advisory Panel, the department would set up a working party to recommend a *model set of basic* guidelines, for modification or *amplification to suit local circumstances*, which would indicate the *procedures concerning removal of* organs for transplantation and suggest ways of facilitating such operations.

He added that the *department* would shortly be commissioning a *public attitude survey on kidney* donation, including the question of "contracting out". As announced last December, a discussion document would be published setting out the arguments for and against amending the Human Tissue Act to improve the supply of kidneys.

Over 16 million kidney donor cards had been distributed so far and he would be launching a new publicity campaign in April.

Mr Tam Dalyell (West Lothian, Lab), who initiated the debate, moved: "That this House recognizes the need to amend the Human Tissue Act to allow a 'contracting out' scheme, whereby *medical authorities may* remove for transplant, once clinical *death has been established by* two doctors, the organs of any person, other than those who have registered in their lifetime that they do not want kidneys and other organs removed."

He said despite its good intentions, it was doubtful whether the kidney donor scheme would yield the number of organs required. That was not to say the scheme was a waste of time or money. It certainly would have educative and propaganda value.

Some parts of the country used transplanted organs but produced very few organs themselves while other parts of the country produced considerably more. It depended partly on whether a doctor was prepared to contact distraught parents or other next of kin to ask for the organ of a loved one within *20 minutes* of death. That was an awful *question to ask, and it was doubtful* whether any MP would ask it.

Such issues should be decided coldly long before and not in the *heat of the moment.*

Many people said that if they *knew they could have helped*, they would willingly have given the *organs of a relative, but that* was an understandable feeling *since no one thought of* such a decision at a moment of crisis.

That was why there should be a system where that kind of *decision did not have to be made* at a time when people were not *in the frame of mind to make it.*

Mr David Ennals (Norwich, North, Lab) said that *thousands of lives* had been saved through kidney transplants.

During the year ending in June 1977, 671 *transplants using cadaver* kidneys took place, but at the end of January this year, the waiting list for a transplant was 1,123. Thus the supply of donor kidneys was meeting only about half the demand. However, he was not certain that the Human Tissue Act was the major cause of the current shortage of kidneys. It was not as restrictive as was often assumed.

The views of the deceased, where known, were paramount. Where he had left clear indication of his wishes, for example by carrying a kidney donor card, the person lawfully in possession of the body could authorize removal of the kidneys without need to seek the consent of relatives.

Where the wishes of the dead person were not known, the person *lawfully in possession could* authorize removal if after making such *inquiry* as was reasonably practicable, he had no reason to believe *that* any relative would object. In most instances, discussion with one relative who had been in close contact, seeking his views, those of the deceased, and whether he believed any other relative would object, would suffice.

The most important single factor contributing to the shortage of kidneys was reluctance of doctors in charge of dying patients to identify them as potential donors and to set in motion the processes of organ *removal.*

Many doctors found discussing the question with relatives when *or shortly after they had been* informed of death, as was often *essential, distasteful. However,* the number of relatives who gave *consent indicated* that if the approach was made with tact and *sensitivity*, the question was not unacceptable even in the most *distressing situation.*

There are also those (he said) *who believe that* transplantation is still in the experimental stage, that the results are poor and that it should be attempted only as a last resort. They are wrong.

Contracting out legislation, as proposed by Mr Dalyell, could lead to an improvement in the supply of kidneys. Under such arrangements, no kidneys need be lost as a result of relatives objecting though some would be lost through people opting out.

On the other hand, if such a system were to be successful it would require general public support. The evidence of public acceptance was doubtful. Organ donation was intimately linked with the question of the right to decide on the disposal of one's body after death. It was a highly personal matter involving *deep-rooted social, cultural and* religious factors.

It was unfortunately true that there had been a few cases in recent years which had provoked a great deal of criticism. The effect that these had had on both the public and professions alike had been reflected in the subsequent *slowing up of the supply of* kidneys, thus contributing to the *ever increasing waiting list.*

He would not wish to see legislation *introduced* which would jeopardize the supply of kidneys in this way without first being convinced that such a risk would be offset by a substantial improvement in the supply.

A computerised register would perhaps reduce, but not entirely eliminate these risks. It would entail *considerable expense in* establishing and operating a service *which would need to* be accessible 24 hours a day.

In the meantime, his department would be continuing its efforts to improve the supply of kidneys by encouraging doctors to cooperate with transplant teams and by promoting the kidney donor card scheme.

All social security offices had the cards, and new stocks had been sent to *all* chemist shops. A further distribution was to be made to all general practitioner premises next week. He was considering *other means of drawing attention* to the urgent need for more *kidneys and hoped* that all these measures would lead to an even greater increase in the number of kidney donors over the next few years.

Mr Fergus Montgomery (Altrincham and Sale, C) said the aim should be to encourage as many people as possible to become kidney donors. Kidney transplants had given new life and new hope to many people.

Mr Eric Ogden (Liverpool, West *Derby, Lab) said there* would be no great butchering of bodies if *this motion* went through.

Mr John Hannam (Exeter, C) said that all the surveys carried out showed that the majority of people were prepared to donate their kidneys and to carry the necessary legal card to make it possible for this to be done. There should be mass distribution of cards through post offices, chemists, local authority offices and schools.

Mr Laurence Pavitt (Brent, South, Lab) said it was disgraceful that *medical staff working in renal units* were having to make decisions *between those* who would get a transplant or dialysis and those *who would have to die.*

Mrs Joyce Butler (Haringey, Wood Green, Lab) said a *constituent of* hers, a young boy, died following a tonsillectomy but before death he was put on a life support machine. While on it his mother, who thought he was going to recover, was asked if his kidneys could be taken out.

She felt unease about a contracting out scheme. The subject was fraught with emotion and difficulty and the proposed scheme would increase that and public concern about transplants. The public might well become less *certain about the situation if* contracting out were introduced.

The procedure for obtaining consent should be more precise. There was not enough publicity about the present scheme, nor enough outlets to get donor cards. In making more transplants more effective, they should not overlook the problem of what seemed to be an increasing rate of kidney *disease and its causes.*

Sir George Young (Ealing, Acton) for the Opposition, said doctors seemed very willing to act when their patient was a potential recipient of a kidney, they seemed far *less willing to act when their* patient was a potential donor *because he had died*. Equal initiative was required in both cases. Coroners could be more helpful and cooperative.

The motion was agreed to.

Efforts to get more cheap fare schemes for elderly

If concessionary travel by road and rail was to be available to the elderly and disabled it should be available for all, **Mr John Farr** (Harborough, C) said.

He introduced a motion calling for a nationwide scheme of concessionary travel for old people, rather than reliance on local authorities to take the initiative.

Mr Farr said with escalating fares on public transport, pensioners were hard hit in areas where there was no concessionary scheme operating. He wanted to see a national pattern of assistance provided. The cost was not too high for the House to contemplate or approve.

Mr David Weitzman (Hackney, North and Stoke Newington, Lab) said a national scheme was not practicable. To provide free off-peak travel for all pensioners throughout England and Wales would cost £220m, a sum which the country could not afford. The main need was for local flexibility.

Mr Donald Stewart (Western Isles, *Scot Nat*) said a national scheme made good economic sense, *because more people* would use the buses, as well as it being an act of *Christian charity.*

Mr Ernest Perry (Wandsworth, Battersea South, Lab) said many buses in the South-East of England were running empty because people could not afford the fares. Concessionary fares were not being offered by wealthy local authorities in the area.

Mr Timothy Sainsbury (Hove, C) said that it would be better to have a national scheme funded nationally as the old age pension was.

Miss Josephine Richardson (Barking, Lab) said she looked forward to the day when they could have free travel on road and rail for all old people as a right, and hoped that the decade was not too far distant when they could have free travel for all, because there was great disparity between the amount some workers paid to get to work and the amount others paid.

Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch and Lymington, C) for the Opposition, said the National Bus *Company* had said they could not introduce a scheme because it would reduce their revenue, but who paid for the generous *concessionary scheme* for their employees, retired employees and *their families ?*

Mr John Horam, Under Secretary for Transport (*Gateshead, West*, Lab) said the Government were making *more money available to* local authorities for concessionary fare schemes. The £86m was being provided this year; in the next financial year that would rise to £90m. If the Government could persuade local authorities to make up schemes in the way they intended, that would rise to £110m by 1980-81.

Last month the Secretaries of State for Transport and Wales issued a circular which said it would generally be appropriate for an authority introducing a new or improved concessionary fare scheme to aim to meet about half the bus fares that would otherwise be paid by concessionaires. They were advocating the half fare approach as a national standard.

The debate was adjourned.
House adjourned 4.31 p.m.

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Stock Exchange Prices

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LEVERTON CAT PLUS GUARDS INVESTMENT
in Caterpillar lift trucks engines & construction equipment
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BRITISH FUNDS

1977/78 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
104⅛	97⅞	Treas 10½% 1978	101⅞	..	10.385	5.920
100⅛	90	Exch 5% 1976-78	99¼	..	5.038	6.376
107	95⅞	Treas 11½% 1979	104¼	..	11.031	7.049
97⅞	84	Treas 3% 1979	96¼	..	3.101	5.236
98⅛	85¼	Elec 4½% 1974-79	97½	..	4.359	5.946
106	97	Treas 10½% 1979	103½	..	10.145	8.181
97½	84½	Elec 3½% 1976-79	95½	..	3.681	6.096
106¼	87	Treas Cnv 9½% 1980	101	..	8.841	7.986
105⅛	89	Treas 9½% 1980	101	..	9.342	8.644
98	83½	Treas 3½% 1977-80	94½	..	3.719	6.313
96¾	83¼	Fund 5½% 1978-80	95½	..	5.497	7.450
112	96	Exch 13% 1980	108	+⅛	12.030	8.550
108	92½	Treas 11½% 1981	104	+⅛	10.983	9.076
94¼	77	Treas 3½% 1979-81	90	..	3.862	7.062
104	86	Treas 9¾% 1981	100	+⅛	9.658	9.397
97	85	Exch 8¼% 1981	96	+⅛	8.537	9.470
110	97	Exch 9½% 1981	99	+⅛	9.506	9.530
92½	87	Exch 3% 1981	87	..	3.419	7.086
113	96	Exch 12¼% 1981	108	+⅛	11.708	9.810
100⅛	83	Treas 8½% 1980-82	97	+⅛	8.740	9.350
93	72	Treas 3% 1982	85	..	3.498	7.214
119	101	Treas 14% 1982	113	+⅛	12.373	9.984
98	93	Treas 8¼% 1983	95	+⅛	8.668	9.638
103	93	Exch 9¾% 1982	98	+⅛	9.409	9.709
87	81	Exch 3% 1983	82	..	3.625	7.195
114	95	Treas 12½% 1983	107	+⅛	11.118	9.954
101	86	Treas 9½% 1983	96	+⅛	9.485	9.854
95	72	Fund 5½% 1982-84	86	+⅛	6.452	8.776
89	77	Treas 8½% 1984-86	93	+⅛	9.221	9.897
87	67	Fund 6½% 1985-87	84	+⅛	7.939	9.810
93	68	Treas 7¾% 1985-88	85	+⅛	9.153	10.349
73	49	Trans 3% 1978-88	64	+⅛	4.686	8.257
75	54	Treas 5% 1986-89	70	+⅛	7.307	9.869
120	90	Treas 13% 1990	110	+⅛	12.017	11.706
93	67	Treas 8¼% 1987-90	85	+⅛	9.902	10.728
111	90	Treas 11¾% 1991	101	+⅛	11.808	11.826
75	54	Fund 5¾% 1987-91	67	+⅛	8.429	10.312
117	86	Treas 12¾% 1992	106	+⅛	12.107	11.946
96	88	Treas 10% 1992	88	+⅛	11.253	11.631
113	88	Exch 12¼% 1992	102	+⅛	12.096	11.976
115	84	Treas 12½% 1993	105	+⅛	12.086	12.000
72	51	Fund 6% 1993	65	+⅛	9.178	10.690
126	96	Treas 13¾% 1993	114	+⅛	12.393	12.162
129	99	Treas 14½% 1994	116	+⅛	12.455	12.151
114	94	Exch 12½% 1994	103	+⅛	12.130	12.032
95	66	Treas 9% 1994	85	+⅛	10.857	11.290
110	97	Treas 12% 1995	101	+⅛	11.960	11.953
51	32	Gas 3% 1990-95	49	+⅛	6.356	9.019
90	88	Exch 10¼% 1995	89	+⅛	11.489	11.719
119	87	Treas 12¾% 1995	108	+⅛	12.151	12.064
91	47	Treas 9% 1992-96	81	+⅛	10.969	11.356
133	101	Treas 15¼% 1996	120	+⅛	12.690	12.328
123	89	Exch 13¼% 1996	112	+⅛	12.285	12.112
50	33	Rdmptn 3% 1986-96	48	+⅛	6.421	8.929
121	87	Treas 13¼% 1997	110	+⅛	12.224	12.104
96	90	Exch 10½% 1997	91	+⅛	11.591	11.747
89	65	Treas 8¾% 1997	79	+⅛	11.007	11.284
72	51	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	67	+⅛	10.337	11.095
135	103	Treas 15½% 1998	123	+⅛	12.494	12.261
86	66	Treas 9½% 1999	86	+⅛	11.206	11.424
92	90	Treas 10½% 1999	91	+⅛	11.637	11.759
43	27	Fund 3½% 1999-04	39	+⅛	8.919	10.160
81	57	Treas 8% 2002-06	72	+⅛	10.943	11.131
58	40	Treas 5½% 2008-12	51	+⅛	10.613	10.861
80	53	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	71	+⅛	10.928	11.014
29	26	Consols 4%	35	+⅛	11.310	..
39	25	War Ln 3½%	38	+⅛	9.877	..
39	26	Conv 3½%	36	+⅛	9.560	..
28	20	Treas 3%	25	+⅛	11.633	..
24	17	Consols 2½%	22	+⅛	11.262	..
24	17	Treas 2½% Aft 75	21	+⅛	11.671	..

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
101	91	Aust 5½% 76-78	101	+⅛	5.609	8.603
96	79	Aust 5½% 77-80	94	..	5.858	9.253
88	69	Aust 5½% 81-82	84	+⅛	6.497	9.511
87	69	Aust 6% 81-83	83	..	7.287	10.181
95	77	Aust 7% 79-81	90	..	7.706	10.223
90	90	Chilean Mixed	90	..	..	..
73	61	E Africa 5½% 77-83	74	..	7.639	12.889
340	197	German 4½% 1930	340	..	..	..
42	32	Hungary 4½% 1924	41	..	..	..
96	69	Ireland 7½% 81-83	86	..	..	..
98	84	Jamaica 7½% 77-79	98	..	7.981	10.296
335	225	Japan Ass 4% 1910	330	..	..	..
87	63	Japan 6% 83-88	87	..	..	..
78	65	Kenya 5% 78-82	77	..	6.510	12.847
85	69	Malaya 7½% 78-82	84	..	8.949	12.431
89	81	N Z 6% 76-80	93	..	6.415	9.723
79	53	N Z 7½% 88-92	71	..	10.302	11.550
89	86	N Z 7½% 83-86	86	..	8.822	10.260
61	74	N Rhd 6% 78-81	89	..	6.756	10.663
91	74	Nyasa 6% 78-81	89	..	6.756	10.663
155	145	Peru 6% Ass	155	..	..	..
94	82	S Africa 9½% 79-81	94	..	..	..
70	50	S Rhd 2½% 65-70	66	+4	..	..
65	50	S Rhd 4½% 87-92	61	+2	..	..
96	44	S Rhd 6% 78-81	96	+3	..	..
55	45	Spanish 4%	45	..	..	..
91	67	Tang 5½% 78-82	79	..	7.273	12.618
98	60	Uruguay 3½%	94	..	..	..

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
27	20	L C C 3% 1920	25	..	12.164	..
84	64	L C C 5½% 80-83	81	..	6.325	10.111
93	72	L C C 5½% 77-81	89	+⅛	6.127	8.936
88	62	L C C 5½% 82-84	80	..	6.891	9.848
76	53	L C C 5½% 85-87	72	..	7.710	10.291
96	81	L C C 6% 76-79	96	..	6.231	8.762
78	52	L C C 6¼% 88-90	72	..	9.288	10.976
75	53	G L C 6¼% 90-92	69	..	9.880	11.329
108	82	G L C 9½% 80-82	97	..	9.737	10.346
107	93	G L C 12½% 1982	105	..	11.893	10.982
111	91	G L C 12½% 1983	105	..	11.878	11.326
100	88	C of L 6¾% 75-78	99	..	6.822	6.978
88	70	C of L 6¾% 80-82	87	..	7.423	10.183
92	69	Ag Mt 7¼% 81-84	84	..	9.168	11.146
77	53	Ag Mt 7½% 91-93	70	..	10.881	11.673
77	53	Ag Mt 6¾% 85-90	67	..	9.781	11.584
91	73	Belfast 6¼% 77-80	91	..	7.102	10.195
98	87	Brighton 6¾% 76-79	97	..	6.931	9.066
96	85	Camden 6½% 77-79	98	..	6.619	8.306
91	73	Croydon 6¾% 78-81	93	..	7.628	10.559
99	89	Edin 6¾% 77-79	98	..	6.598	8.153
103	80	Glasgow 9¼% 80-82	96	..	9.605	10.322
100	89	Gwich 6½% 76-78	99	..	6.771	5.628
110	98	Liverpl 13½% 1981	108	..	12.489	10.557
33	22	Met Water B 3% 34-03	31	..	9.515	11.218
89	79	N I 7% 79-80	89	..	7.300	13.433
85	60	N I 7% 82-84	81	..	8.801	11.756
86	65	N I Elec 6½% 81-83	81	..	7.982	11.520
100	89	Notts 6¾% 76-78	98	..	6.764	7.364
97	84	Sthend 5½% 77-79	97	..	5.393	8.408
85	60	Swark 6¾% 83-86	92	..	8.442	10.305
94	77	Surrey 6% 78-80	93	..	6.430	9.561

Investment Dollar Premium 84% (85¼%). Premium Conversion Factor 0.7385.

FOREIGN STOCKS

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
54	40	Bayer	£48	..	197	4.1	21.5
16	11	Commerzbank	£16	..	44.2	2.7	18.6
23	17	Cp Fn Paris	£22	+1	187	6.0	7.6
52	43	EBES	£52	..	281	5.4	..
23	14	Ericsson	£21	..	89.3	3.3	22.6
23	6	Finsider	6	..	..	..	..
14	4	Granges	£7	..	..	..	..
560	365	Hoechst	450	−10	19.7	4.4	13.5
34	8	Montecatini E	14	−1	..	..	..
630	470	Robeco fl.5	531	−2	29.9	5.6	30.3
481	325	Rolinco Subs fl 5	375	−1	..	..	48.4
100	30	Snia Viscosa	54	..	..	..	..
905	710	Thyssen-Huette	880	−10	..	..	15.7
76	42	Volkswagen	£74	−2	..	..	..

DOLLAR STOCKS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
10	5	Brascan	£9	..	57.4g	5.9	4.3
12	6	BP Canada	£9	..	..	..	..
15	9	Can Pac Ord	£10	..	47.0	4.4	8.2
16	9	El Paso	£10	..	41.7	3.9	20.2
45	27	Exxon Corp	£31	..	..	..	..
33	20	Fluor	£22	..	63.7	2.9	9.4
23	16	Hollinger	£19	..	..	..	..
33	24	Hud Bay Oil	£16	..	28.9	1.1	50.4
24	14	Husky Oil	£17	..	..	..	..
29	9	INCO	£9	..	56.5	5.8	18.9
11	6	IU Int	£8	..	46.2	5.8	11.0
33	18	Kaiser Alum	£20	..	82.1	4.0	..
18	6	Massey-Ferg	£6	..	58.1	8.7	11.5
17	11	Norton Simon	£12	..	43.7	3.5	10.0
57	20	Pacific Petrol	£24	..	..	..	..
34	17	Pan Canadian	£20	..	..	..	..
200	130	Steep Rock	143	−1	..	..	..
12	8	Trans Can P	£9	..	..	..	..
42	17	US Steel	£18	..	..	..	..
725	725	White Pass	725	..	15.9	2.2	21.0
15	7	Zapata Corp	£11	..	15.7	1.4	33.4

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
305	195	Alexs Discount	230	..	21.7	9.4	5.2
595	350	Allen H & Ross	475	..	46.5	9.8	8.5
188	89	Allied Irish	182	..	10.0b	6.6	5.3
195	108	Arb-Latham	153	..	14.3	9.4	10.4
269	185	ANZ Grp	200	−5	14.4	7.2	4.1
22	13	Bank America	£15	..	49.0	3.3	12.0
361	202	Bk of Ireland	315	..	20.1b	6.4	5.8
27	11	Bk Leumi Israel	14	..	11.2	79.7	1.3
200	160	Bk Leumi UK	160	..	11.2	7.0	14.2
500	270	Bk of NSW	410	..	18.6	4.5	8.6
315	223	Bk of Scotland	282	..	16.5	6.3	6.9
34	21	Bnks Trst NY	£24	..	175	7.1	5.9
330	227	Barclays Bank	305	+5	16.7	5.5	5.0
210	115	Brown Shipley	200	..	14.0	7.0	7.4
338	225	Cater Ryder	270	..	26.6	9.9	..
28	17	Chase Man	£20	..	114	5.6	9.8
29	13	Citicorp	£14	..	61.7	4.3	7.6
93	51	Clive Discount	71	−1	7.2	10.2	8.0
231	170	Com Bk of Aust	188	..	9.4	5.0	8.8
171	115	Com Bk of Syd	130	−5	7.6	5.9	..
17	12	CC De France	£16	..	191	7.9	11.7
3	1	First Nat Fin	2	..	..	..	..
12	7	Fraser Ans	11	..	..	..	..
210	130	Gerrard & Nat	162	..	12.4	7.6	7.1
51	37	Gibbs A.	38	..	3.0	7.9	24.2
277	161	Gillett Bros	215	..	23.0	10.7	5.2
126	55	Grindlays Hldgs	110	..	4.6	4.2	5.9
230	150	Guinness Peat	190	+2	16.2	8.5	9.8
23	13	Hambros £10	£16	..	144	9.0	..
257	142	Do Ord	160	..	14.4	9.0	4.8
116	74	Hill Samuel	83	..	6.7	8.1	7.2
340	223	Hong K & Shang	255	..	7.3	2.9	24.3
88	34	Jessel Toynbee	68	+1	6.2	9.1	..
185	115	Joseph L.	170	..	12.0	7.1	8.4
51	21	Keyser Ullmann	37	..	0.6	1.4	..
80	42	King & Shaxson	62	..	5.1	8.3	6.8
114	76	Kleinwort Ben	94	−2	5.9	6.2	7.8
295	195	Lloyds Bank	245	+2	13.8	5.6	5.2
177	92	Mercury Secs	108	..	5.1	4.8	8.2
390	256	Midland	335	+2	22.4n	6.7	4.9
63	39	Minster Assets	58	..	5.3b	9.2	8.4
240	168	Nat of Aust	185	..	8.7	4.7	7.4
81	58	Nat Com Bk Grp	68	+1	4.0	5.9	8.0
375	263	Nat W'minster	285	+5	17.4	6.8	5.5
40	29	Ottoman	£39	..	250	6.4	11.0
68	45	Rea Bros	60	−3	2.4	4.0	12.8
21	14	Royal of Can	£17	+⅛	68.8	3.9	12.8
490	290	Schroders	350	..	15.7	4.5	12.4
256	168	Seccombe Mar	215	..	18.7	8.7	6.4
100	58	Smith St Aubyn	72	+2	7.3	10.2	..
430	293	Standard Chart	385	+2	27.6	7.2	5.5
515	285	Union Discount	400	..	31.9	8.0	4.9
74	37	Wintrust	61	..	4.6	7.5	24.3

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
90	58	Allied	80	+½	6.0n	7.4	11.0
148	87	Bass Charrgton	147	+1	7.7	5.2	9.5
46	36	Belhaven Grp	44	..	..	..	..
224	78	Bell A.	200	+2	7.4	3.7	9.0
142	82	Boddingtons	140	..	5.9	4.2	14.9
112	64	Brown M.	100	..	5.9	5.9	11.7
177	98	Bulmer HP Hldgs	137	..	4.9	3.6	8.1
160	75	Burtonwood	142	−1	4.8	3.4	10.0
68	40	C of Ldn Dfd	54	−1	3.6	6.7	21.3
162	100	Devenish	105	..	8.9	5.8	8.2
191	119	Distillers	164	+1	9.9	6.0	10.4
110	56	Greenall	108	..	4.0	3.7	10.7
240	182	Greene King	215	..	10.9	5.1	12.0
198	124	Guinness	156	+2	10.6	6.8	7.3
163	95	Hardys & H'sons	137	..	10.6	6.8	10.5
138	53	Highland	130	..	4.4	3.4	19.4
100	35	Invergordon	86	..	3.2	3.7	10.4
132	43	Irish Distillers	112	..	5.4	4.8	7.6
57	31	Marston	55	..	2.7	4.0	8.5
71	46	Scot & Newcastle	61	..	4.9	8.0	13.6
19	13	Seagram	£14	..	48.7	3.1	10.9
68	40	SA Breweries	60	..	6.3	10.6	4.2
107	42	Tomatin	95	..	4.1	4.3	27.9
103	57	Vaux	96	..	8.1	8.3	10.0
96	56	Whitbread 'A'	85	..	5.6	6.8	9.4
99	60	Do B	84	+½	5.6	6.8	9.6
94	55	Whitbread Inv	72	..	5.7	7.9	19.8
208	114	Wolverhampton	186	..	8.7	4.7	11.0

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

A—B

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
122	77	AAH	101	..	8.5	8.2	7.4
149	86	AB Electronic	92	..	7.6	8.2	6.4
43	25	AC Cars	41	..	1.4	3.5	7.6
88	39	AGB Research	85	..	5.2a	6.1	8.9
229	134	APV Hldgs	180	..	8.1	4.5	7.2
73	43	Aaronson Bros	52	..	3.0	5.8	4.1
116	62	Acrow	108	..	3.4	3.4	12.3
95	50	Do A	70	..	3.6	5.2	8.0
41	11	Adda Int	33	..	0.8	2.3	..
283	150	Adwest Group	238	−3	15.2	6.6	6.3
63	34	Aeron't & Gen	55	..	3.5	6.0	10.3
62	43	Airfix Ind	44	+1	4.6	10.4	5.8
131	79	Albright & W	100	+2	7.0	7.0	6.5
98	69	Alcan 10½%	£89	..	1050	11.8	..
144	71	Do 9% Cnv	£143	..	900	6.3	..
300	205	Algimate Ind	289	..	19.7	7.0	10.4
77	44	Allen E. Balfour	56	+1	6.6	11.7	..
56	25	Allen W. G.	39	−1	4.3	11.0	4.3
100	44	Allied Colloids	65	..	2.4	3.7	11.5
67	45	Allied Insulators	56	..	6.3	10.5	3.9
17	7	Allied Plant	14	..	1.1	7.4	5.7
201	78	Allied Retailers	189	..	13.2	7.0	9.1
45	19	Alpine Hldgs	41	..	2.5	6.0	24.6
290	210	Amal Metal	290	..	21.8	7.4	5.6
138	57	Amal Power	111	..	8.0	7.2	6.2
41	21	Amber Day	32	..	3.0	9.3	4.7
18	8	Amber Ind Hldgs	18	..	0.8a	4.2	2.7
96	41	Anchor Chem	60	..	6.0	10.0	6.7
57	34	Anderson Strath	47	..	3.8	8.2	6.4
90	48	Anglia TV 'A'	76	..	6.3	8.3	5.7
540	390	Anglo Amer Ind	460	..	42.9	9.3	4.3
42	22	Ang Swiss Hldgs	34	..	..	..	..
96	49	Applevard	77	+2	9.6	12.5	6.1
38	18	Aquascutum 'A'	33	..	2.1	6.4	7.4
133	66	Arlington Mtr	110	..	11.7	10.7	8.3
75	38	Armitage Shanks	59	−1	6.5	10.9	3.6
73	39	Armst Equip	55	..	3.1	5.6	9.4
53	44	Asprey 6½% Pf	50	..	6.0	12.0	..
84	65	Ass Biscuit	71	..	4.8	6.7	6.9
193	85	Ass Book	177	..	6.1	3.4	7.8
76	48	Ass Brit Food	53	+1	3.3	6.2	5.4
142	82	Ass Engineer	114	+1	7.1	6.2	8.9
71	36	Ass Fisheries	48	..	4.6	9.5	4.6
63	29	Ass Leisure	45	..	4.3	9.3	5.5
196	121	Ass News	182	..	8.1	6.2	7.5
57	30	Ass Paper	47	..	4.4	9.4	5.0
294	163	Ass Port Cement	223	−1	13.1	5.9	7.3
119	68	Ass Tel 'A'	99	..	9.9	10.0	6.9
38	28	Ass Tooling	28	..	3.5a	13.2	9.6
42	28	Astbury & Madley	40	−2	1.7	4.1	6.2
58	27	Atkins Bros	56	..	5.6	9.9	3.7
43	27	Audiotronic	34	..	..	..	8.4
37	22	Ault & Wiborg	29	..	2.9	9.7	6.2
99	56	Aurora Hldgs	82	..	7.9	9.6	3.9
70	30	Austin E.	67	..	5.5	8.2	4.8
113	81	Automotive Pd	89	..	2.8	3.2	7.1
34	14	Avana Grp	31	+½	1.6	4.9	6.9
174	113	Averys	146	..	8.3	5.7	8.7
205	74	Avon Rubber	172	−1	14.1	8.2	2.5
307	235	B.A.T. Ind	283	..	21.1	7.4	9.1
280	208	Do Dfd	247	..	..	..	..
68	38	BBA Grp	46	..	3.4	7.4	6.7
114	71	BET Dfd	96	..	8.1	8.4	7.2
136	87	BICC	100	+1	10.0	10.0	11.9
83	61	BOC Int	65	+1	4.8	7.8	4.7
273	111	BPB Ind	204	−2	11.0	5.4	8.3
50	26	BPM Hldgs 'A'	46	..	4.3	9.4	8.2
43	17	BSG Int	35	..	3.2	9.1	5.8
181	86	BSR Ltd	92	..	7.1	7.7	4.1
292	145	BTR Ltd	207	+1	13.8	6.7	7.2
144	70	Babcock & W	108	+1	8.0	7.4	4.7
36	21	Baggeridge Brk	32	..	3.6	11.1	9.8
9	3	Bailey C.H. Ord	7	..	0.3	4.6	59.5
169	93	Baird W.	146	..	14.1	9.6	5.5
113	65	Baker Perkins	88	..	6.3	7.1	5.2
53	29	Bambergers	44	..	4.6	10.3	6.0
15	3	Barker & Dbson	12	..	..	..	..
208	144	Barlow Rand	194	+2	16.5	8.5	4.8
74	39	Barr & Wallace	66	−1	5.1	7.8	6.4
73	37	Do A	63	−1	5.1	8.1	6.1
128	86	Barratt Devs	103	+1	12.2	11.9	4.8
54	36	Barrow Hepbn	46	+1	5.6	12.1	6.2
53	40	Barton & Sons	48	..	5.0	10.3	4.5
155	69	Bassett G.	124	−1	7.8	6.3	7.6
99	39	Bath & P'land	63	−3	5.0	7.4	3.9
67	34	Beales J.	52	..	4.0	7.6	3.6
193	66	Beatson Clark	153	−5	7.6	5.0	6.1
51	29	Beaufort Grp	49	..	4.6	9.4	3.3
73	48	Beckman A.	64	..	6.8	10.6	7.1
690	372	Beecham Grp	583	−10	28.0	4.8	12.2
83	39	Bejam Grp	82	−1	2.2	3.5	7.7
85	54	Bemrose Corp	67	−1	5.8	8.7	6.4
70	29	Benn Bros	55	..	3.4	6.1	8.9
227	148	Beris'd S & W	193	..	12.5	6.5	3.5
62	31	Berisfords	42	..	3.7	8.9	5.2
54	36	Best & May	51	..	4.3	8.4	8.9
166	122	Bestobell	146	−1	14.3	9.8	7.5
68	28	Bett Bros	46	..	2.8	3.2	7.2
229	102	Bibby J.	185	..	10.1	5.4	5.9
74	54	Birmid Qualcst	59	..	6.8	11.4	3.5
77	50	Birm'gham Mint	58	..	6.6	11.4	6.3
230	148	Bishops Stores	168	..	3.7	2.2	9.5
205	57	Do A NV	130	..	3.7	2.9	7.3
123	68	Black & Edg'tn	98	..	6.4	6.6	12.9
93	49	Blackwd Hodge	71	+1	4.4	6.2	6.4
30	15	Blackwood Mt	22	..	..	..	12.6
245	122	Blagden & N	212	..	18.2	8.6	8.1
72	39	Blundell Perm	63	..	4.4	7.1	6.0
13	7	Boardman K. O.	13	..	1.5	11.8	3.3
73	38	Bodycote	62	..	3.4	5.5	4.0
36	17	Bonser Eng	21	..	2.0	9.7	11.6
240	128	Booker McCon	198	..	10.7	5.4	9.0
213	84	B'sey & Hawkes	203	..	7.3	3.6	8.4
157	87	Boot H.	124	−1	12.5	9.8	6.0
242	115	Boots	195	+1	4.3	2.3	14.1
97	65	Borthwick T.	68	..	8.4	13.8	9.4
29	14	Boulton W.	19	..	2.1	10.9	6.1
216	180	Bowater Corp	169	..	14.7	8.7	8.0
66	34	Bowthrpe Hldgs	59	..	2.3	4.4	6.4
83	62	Braby Leslie	80	..	8.0	9.9	4.6
76	60	Brady Ind	69	..	8.6	12.4	13.1
73	57	Do A	65	..	8.6	13.2	12.3
40	23	Braham Millar	30	..	2.3	7.6	4.1
45	17	Braid Grp	35	..	2.1	5.9	5.3
179	67	Braithwaite	130	..	6.1	4.7	3.7
128	44	Brammer H.	116	−2	6.4	5.5	10.8
53	30	Bramner	49	..	5.8	11.8	5.9
209	90	Brent Chem Int	186	−1	3.7	2.0	15.3
52	25	Brent Walker	48	−1	1.2a	3.5	21.8
36	22	Brickhouse Dud	33	−1	3.3	10.1	6.5
173	103	Bridon	111	+1	9.6	8.6	6.0
41	27	Bright J. Grp	35	..	3.7	10.5	6.3
44	29	Brit Car Auctn	43	+½	3.0	7.1	10.4
17	11	Brit Enkalon	12	..	..	..	..
246	137	Brit Home Strs	175	+1	3.9	5.1	14.7
28	20	Brit Leyland	23	..	..	..	1.8
129	80	Brit Northrop	89	..	..	..	3.2
49	21	Brit Printing	41	..	4.8	11.8	6.6
90	50	Brit Sbn Spec	80	..	7.2	9.0	9.3
690	278	Brit Sugar	420	..	28.8	6.9	2.5
70	30	Brit Syphon Ind	57	−1	4.6	8.0	7.7
60	28	Brit Tar Prod	46	..	2.1	4.5	8.1
90	44	Brit Vita	82	..	3.2	3.9	3.0
30	13	Britains	27	..	2.1	7.9	22.0
64	44	Brockhouse Ltd	55	..	5.5	10.0	5.5
88	41	Brocks Grp	67	..	5.1	7.6	11.3
713	385	Broken Hill	425	..	19.3	4.5	42.5
40	30	Bronx Eng	34	..	2.4	7.0	6.2
71	35	Brook St Bur	55	−1	6.4	11.6	14.2
56	38	Brooke Bond	46	..	4.2	9.5	3.6
27	11	Brooke Tool	21	..	1.5	7.2	3.8
124	49	Brotherhood P.	123	−1	8.8b	7.1	4.4
100	74	Brown & Tawse	85	..	6.8	8.0	5.5
55	19	BBK	42	..	2.7	6.4	10.0
24	12	Brown Bros Cp	22	..	1.6	7.2	12.9
296	98	Brown J.	271	−5	13.2n	4.9	4.4
121	85	Bruntons	106	..	10.6	10.0	7.5
53	17	Bryant Hldgs	50	+2	3.4	6.8	10.5
136	66	Bullough Ltd	120	..	8.5a	7.1	4.1
48	25	Bulmer & Lumb	42	..	4.8	11.3	5.3
120	87	Bunzl Pulp	101	..	7.4	7.3	4.0
65	38	Burco Dean	63	..	5.6	8.9	6.3
38	23	Burgess Prod	30	..	3.5	11.8	4.6
184	64	Burnett H'shire	158	..	4.1	2.6	7.5
184	63	Do A NV	155	..	4.1	2.7	7.4
39	16	Burns And'son	35	..	2.2	6.3	8.1
17	9	Burrell & Co	12	..	1.4	11.4	6.3
186	130	Burt Boulton	165	..	15.2	8.2	6.3
142	51	Burton Grp	105	−2	2.3	2.2	..
130	39	Do A	103	..	2.3	2.2	..
94	43	Bury & Masco	94	..	7.1a	7.6	10.6
69	30	Butterfld-Harvy	60	..	3.4n	5.6	8.2

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
33	13	CH Industrials	30	..	3.0	9.9	5.0
59	35	Cadbury Sch	49	..	4.1	8.3	9.5
110	70	Caffyns	82	..	8.7	10.6	6.7
65	45	C'bread Robey	53	..	2.3	4.4	14.6
133	30	Campari	104	+4	3.0	2.9	5.4
121	64	Do B	94	+1	..	..	..
82	45	Cantrex Hldgs	66	..	6.0	9.1	5.5
67	35	Canning W.	59	..	5.3	9.1	5.4
156	87	Cape Ind	108	−2	21.5	20.7	3.6
79	37	Caplan Profile	75	..	7.3	9.7	4.8
90	33	Capper Neill	55	..	3.2	5.8	6.4
92	23	Caravans Int	76	..	7.0	9.2	2.9
68	33	Cardo Eng	63	..	4.5	7.2	5.8
51	23	Carless Capel	32	..	1.3	4.1	8.2
175	59	Carlton Ind	151	−3	8.3	5.5	7.8
60	40	Carpets Int	40	..	6.1	15.1	4.3
48	16	Carr J. (Don)	40	..	1.4	3.5	6.2
41	22	Carr'ton Vly	36	..	3.2	8.7	4.2
110	63	Carroll P. J.	98	..	9.2	9.4	7.5
45	28	Casket S Hldgs	40	..	3.0	7.4	4.3
25	7	Caston Sir J.	16	..	..	..	4.0
165	88	Cawoods	108	−3	5.3	4.9	7.5
36	12	Celestion	30	..	0.9	3.0	8.7
128	84	Cement Rdstone	114	..	6.9	6.0	14.4
54	25	Cen & Sheer	41	..	3.4	8.1	7.4
73	42	Central Man	63	−1	4.0	6.4	3.3
206	68	Centreway Ltd	196	..	17.3	8.9	5.5
42	34	Ch'mbn & Hill	36	..	3.8	10.7	2.8
58	27	Chamberl'n Grp	46	..	4.2	9.1	6.5
22	8	Change Wares	22	..	..	..	16.9
23	17	Do Cnv Cum	19	..	2.4	12.7	..
129	91	Chloride Grp	94	−1	7.2	7.7	7.7
78	57	Christies Int	73	..	4.6	6.2	7.6
51	27	Christy Bros	41	..	3.5	8.5	4.6
138	93	Chubb & Sons	114	−1	5.5	4.8	8.4
195	57	Church & Co	172	+3	4.7	2.8	8.5
78	45	Coalite & Chem	65	..	4.2	6.5	5.4
78	50	Coates Bros	69	−1	3.3	4.8	6.9
77	45	Do A	67	..	3.2	4.8	7.7
78	57	Coats Patons	75	+½	4.7	6.3	8.2
130	45	Cole R. H.	110	−2	5.3	4.8	8.2
62	33	Collett D'son	51	..	4.7	8.5	5.9
186	99	Collins W.	125	..	7.0	5.6	6.0
186	99	Do A	124	..	7.0	5.7	6.0
38	14	Combon Grp	27	..	2.4b	9.0	6.7
101	50	Comb Eng Strs	74	+1	4.6	6.2	5.0
113	30	Comet Radiov'n	104	..	2.9	2.8	9.5
116	64	CompAir	91	..	5.8	6.0	7.2
30	20	Compton Webb	27	..	2.6	9.5	4.2
28	16	Cook W.	24	..	2.6	10.8	5.5
65	37	Cope Allman	54	..	4.8	8.8	5.5
17	9	Copson F.	16	..	1.1	7.1	8.1
39	16	Corah	35	+½	1.7a	4.8	7.6
144	54	Coral Leisure	110	+4	9.1a	8.3	6.2
80	34	Cosalt	63	+1	4.7	7.4	5.6
332	134	Costain R.	236	−4	13.2b	5.6	8.3
41	8	Countryside	38	+1	1.5	3.0	11.3
107	73	Courts (Furn)	90	..	5.0	5.6	6.2
107	72	Do A NV	90	..	5.0	5.6	6.1
135	90	Courtaulds	120	+1	10.7	8.7	5.5
72	30	Courtney Pope	58	−6	3.2	5.7	8.3
73	30	C'wan de Groot	56	..	3.5	6.0	3.5
44	23	Cowie T.	35	..	2.6	7.4	3.1

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44	15	Crellon Hldgs	23	..	..	..	..
78	28	Crest Nicholson	64	..	5.0	7.9	7.5
73	44	Croda Int	52	..	3.2	6.2	8.0
43	25	Cronite Grp	32	−1	3.7	11.6	10.7
39	25	Cropper J.	39	..	1.3	3.3	..
140	94	Crosby Hse	130	..	..	..	..
39	18	Crossland R.	37	−1	2.1	5.5	11.9
70	45	Crowley Hldg	65	..	6.3	9.6	10.1
98	48	Crouch D.	84	..	5.5	6.6	11.0
73	25	Crouch Grp	67	..	4.3	6.2	11.3
53	33	Crown House	47	..	4.7	10.0	9.3
45	28	Crowther J.	33	..	0.9	2.8	..
147	63	Cum'ns En Cv	£86	..	875	4.4	..
160	69	Dale Electric	129	..	4.1	3.2	12.9
16	14	Dana Corp	£14	..	63.8	4.3	..
19	8	Dartmouth Inv	17	..	1.2	7.0	10.9
129	70	Davies & New	114	..	11.1	9.7	6.5
87	29	Davis G.	76	..	5.0	6.7	6.1
298	180	Davy Int	220	..	15.5	7.0	7.3
125	48	Dawson J.	119	+2	8.1	6.7	15.7
520	380	De Beers Ind	480	..	44.8	9.7	9.1
28	22	Deanson Hldgs	25	..	3.2	12.7	7.5
118	64	Debenhams	90	+1	8.0	8.9	6.2
319	128	De La Rue	333	+6	15.0	6.4	6.9
580	338	Decca	385	..	16.6	4.3	11.3
565	223	Do A	383	..	16.6	4.3	11.0
81	49	Delta Metal	67	..	6.8	10.1	9.3
100	66	Denbyware	77	..	8.2	10.7	..
178	83	De Vere Hotels	150	..	6.7	4.5	28.0
166	67	Dew G.	166	..	8.5	5.1	9.6
62	37	Dewhirst I. J.	58	..	2.8	4.8	10.0
143	89	DRG	117	+1	9.8a	8.4	8.5
178	87	Diploma Inv	130	−2	5.8	4.4	7.9
64	26	Dixon D	60	..	3.8	6.3	26.7
178	63	Dixons Photo	131	+3	3.4	2.6	6.4
45	20	Dixor	44	−2	0.9	2.1	54.8
79	37	Dobson Park	71	..	3.2	4.5	5.6
66	41	Dom Hldgs	65	..	6.6	10.2	11.6
105	45	Douglas R. M.	88	..	4.8	5.5	6.2
24	17	Dow'd & Mills	23	..	1.6	7.1	10.6
250	105	Downing G. H.	200	..	15.7	7.9	4.3
176	93	Dowty Grp	161	+1	6.7	4.1	10.3
25	13	Drake & Scull	23	..	..	..	3.5
50	38	Dreamland Elec	38	..	3.5	9.3	11.9
47	33	Dufay	34	..	2.3b	6.7	7.7
123	79	Dunlop Hldgs	78	..	8.0	10.3	4.7
14	8	Duple Int	13	..	0.9	6.8	6.4
87	57	Duport	62	..	6.4	10.4	4.4
124	41	Durapipe Int	94	−5	5.7	6.0	8.8
50	26	Dutton For	39	..	4.3	10.9	6.7
37	21	Dykes J. Hldgs	29	..	..	..	8.3
253	142	E.M.I.	145	+3	14.0	9.7	5.4
126	29	ERF Hldgs	107	..	3.7	3.4	4.0
47	33	E Lancs Paper	46	..	4.8	10.4	..
79	46	E Mid A Press	73	..	5.5	7.5	8.5
93	22	Eastern Prod	84	−1	6.6	7.3	8.5
106	56	Eastwood J. B.	84	−1	5.9	7.0	2.3
154	105	Edbro	141	..	8.9	6.3	5.8
45	19	Eleco Hldgs	39	..	2.6	6.8	10.7
48	32	Elec & Ind Secs	37	..	4.1	11.0	6.8
380	88	Electrocomps	318	−4	7.5	2.3	14.6
24	15	Electronic Mach	24	..	..	..	..
124	45	Electr'nic Rent	107	+1	7.6	7.1	7.7
119	53	Elliott B.	89	..	7.9	8.9	5.0
44	14	Elliott Grp	22	..	..	..	6.9
97	66	Ellis & Everard	71	..	7.6	10.7	18.1
19	14	Ellis & Gold	19	..	2.7	14.0	11.0
79	37	Elson & Robbins	71	+1	4.7	6.7	5.6
23	9	Elswick Hopper	18	..	1.4	7.4	7.7
202	85	Empire Stores	139	+1	7.3	5.3	12.1
14	4	Energy Serv	10	..	0.3b	2.9	13.3
86	21	England J. E.	34	..	2.0	5.8	2.9
34	22	English & O'seas	25	..	0.9	3.6	16.7
105	50	English Card Cl	76	..	4.2	5.5	4.2
109	69	Eng China Clay	76	−1	5.4	7.1	8.4
80	51	Erith & Co	80	..	7.4	9.2	8.2
220	125	Esperanza	127	..	8.0	6.8	4.7
78	43	Eucalyptus Pulp	62	..	7.6b	12.2	2.0
116	54	Euro Ferries	103	+1	4.2	4.1	8.2
107	53	Eva Industries	88	−1	7.3	8.3	6.2
211	122	Ever Ready	148	..	6.1	4.1	7.6
85	42	Evode Hldgs	70	..	3.5	4.9	5.7
27	14	Ewer G.	25	..	2.0n	8.1	9.6
19	7	Excalibur	15	..	0.8	5.0	6.1
105	65	Exch Telegraph	97	..	7.7a	7.9	8.4
77	53	Expand Metal	55	−4	5.6	10.2	6.1

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
115	53	FMC	68	..	3.9	5.7	3.4
26	7	FPA Cons	20	−1	1.7	8.5	8.9
63	25	Fairbairn L'sn	54	..	5.5	10.2	8.3
73	37	Fairclough Cons	60	−1	3.6	5.9	7.9
109	29	Fairview Est	90	−1	8.6	9.5	5.4
135	109	Farmer S.W.	115	−1	7.7	6.5	..
240	81	Farnell Elect	190	..	9.9	5.2	10.4
80	44	Fed Chem Hldgs	76	..	5.0	6.6	6.2
40	13	Fed Lnd & Build	40	..	3.1	7.8	11.7
36	25	Feedex Ltd	32	..	2.0	6.2	8.1
180	111	Fenner J. H.	150	..	10.2	7.8	8.9
106	45	Ferguson Ind	89	..	9.1	10.2	9.3
48	19	Fine Art Dev	40	..	2.6	6.9	9.7
329	150	Finlay J.	233	−2	9.0	3.9	4.7
21	8	Finlay Pack	19	..	0.9	4.5	7.1
400	233	Fisons	360	..	18.5	5.1	10.6
73	45	Fitch Lovell	63	−1	6.1	9.7	7.9
83	43	Flmdrive Eng	56	..	5.0	9.0	6.0
66	20	Fodens	55	..	3.8	6.9	3.6
126	48	Fogarty E.	121	..	4.8	4.0	6.3
25	15	Folkes Hefo NV	20	..	2.1	10.2	4.8
34	20	Ford M.	28	..	3.7	13.1	11.7
250	130	Ford Mtr BDR	150	..	8.2	5.5	15.8
137	49	Forminster	120	..	6.0	5.0	5.7
618	410	Fortnm & Mason	610	..	31.5	5.2	11.2
212	136	Fosceo Min	130	..	6.5	5.0	7.7
91	39	Foster Bros	81	−1	4.3	5.3	10.5
33	18	Foster J.	27	..	2.5	9.2	9.5
94	49	Fothergill & H	86	..	9.4	10.9	9.8
48	28	Francis G. R.	42	..	5.4	12.8	7.6
70	25	Francis Ind	57	..	5.1	9.0	4.7
318	127	Freemans Ldn	230	+2	8.5	3.4	11.9
70	40	French T.	63	..	3.9	6.1	4.8
37	14	French Kier	29	−2	2.3b	7.8	11.9
96	53	Friedland Doggt	90	..	4.4	4.9	10.7
83	48	GEI Int	66	..	5.9	8.9	5.3
67	33	Gallfd Brindley	55	..	4.6	8.4	8.9
18	7	Garford Lilley	16	..	1.1	6.8	6.9
104	62	Garnar Scotblair	97	..	6.8	7.0	4.6
292	183	GEC	240	+3	5.8	2.4	9.8
104	96	Do F Rate	£100	..	809	..	..
27	13	Gen Eng (Rad)	20	..	1.5	7.7	5.3
330	185	Gen Mtr BDR	258	−2	11.0g	5.3	20.2
190	124	Gestetner 'A'	168	−2	6.0	3.6	5.9
63	32	Gibbons Dudley	55	+1	3.5	6.4	2.6
97	55	Glaves Grp	92	..	6.8	7.4	8.8
240	181	Gill & Duffus	193	..	13.2	6.8	6.6
58	23	Glltspur Ltd	48	..	4.1	8.4	4.9
70	36	Glass & Metal	60	..	4.2	7.1	4.2
36	13	Glass Glover	23	..	1.9	8.1	6.3
667	400	Glaxo Hldgs	522	+2	15.5	3.0	10.8
54	19	Gleeson M. J.	41	..	2.8	6.8	6.3
57	34	Glossop & W.J.	49	−1	5.5	11.2	5.3
120	76	Glynwed	96	..	11.4	11.9	8.1
70	39	Goldbg & Sons	64	..	5.7	8.9	12.7
97	41	Gomme Hldgs	78	−1	4.6	5.9	10.3
35	60	Gordon & Gotch	88	..	4.0	4.6	8.4
23	11	Gordon L. Grp	20	..	..	..	..
60	47	Grampian Hldgs	52	..	6.0	11.5	7.3
99	43	Granada 'A'	86	..	3.0	3.4	9.4
103	63	Grand Met Ltd	88	−1	6.4	7.3	7.3
348	183	Gt Univ Stores	270	+2	11.8	4.4	12.8
346	175	Do A	260	+4	11.8	4.5	12.1
47	17	Greenfield Mill	42	+2	2.7	6.4	12.3
93	65	Greens Econ	73	..	6.4	8.8	5.7
65	28	Gripperrods	49	..	3.6	7.3	5.5
328	200	GKN	284	−2	23.6	8.9	7.3
109	71	Haden Carrier	89	..	12.0	13.5	5.8
110	55	Haggas J.	85	..	1.0	1.1	7.4
98	62	Hall Eng	82	+1	6.4	7.8	5.5
207	99	Hall M.	168	−1	10.0n	6.0	6.7
64	34	Halma Ltd	54	−1	2.1	4.0	8.7
59	68	Hanimex Corp	94	..	4.1	4.4	5.3
161	100	Hanson Trust	125	..	9.5	7.6	6.1
51	26	Hardy Furn	27	..	..	..	..
48	23	Do A	25	..	..	..	..
61	35	Hargreaves Grp	53	..	4.6	8.6	8.8
53	34	Harris Sheldon	43	..	4.3	9.9	7.3
111	45	Harrison T.C.	92	..	5.8	6.3	8.7
438	276	Harrison Cros	330	..	19.3b	5.8	8.5
82	41	Hartwells Grp	74	−3	6.7	9.0	6.3
214	123	Hawker Sidd	168	−4	9.9	5.3	6.6
76	43	Hawkins & T'son	67	+1	6.1	9.0	4.4
78	24	Hawthorn L.	64	..	..	..	..
189	57	Hays Wharf	122	..	7.5	6.1	12.8
33	13	Headlam Sims	30	..	1.9	6.3	6.2
18	8	Helene of Ldn	15	..	0.9	6.1	4.3
31	20	Helical Bar	22	..	..	..	13.1
87	39	Hend'son Kent	63	..	3.3	5.3	3.7
144	79	Henly's	111	..	10.0a	8.8	4.4
200	39	Hepworth Cer	77	..	5.0	6.8	8.5
65	29	Hepworth J.	54	..	3.8	8.4	8.7
17	6	Herman Smith	9	..	0.4	4.0	39.8
143	75	Hestair	105	−1	9.1	8.7	3.7
60	17	Hewden-Stuart	52	−½	1.9	3.7	9.8
23	11	Hewitt J.	21	..	1.4	6.8	4.1
83	63	Hicking P'cost	81	−1	9.8	12.1	9.3
233	99	Hickson Welch	160	−3	5.2	3.3	4.3
97	56	Higgs & Hill	73	..	5.0	6.8	3.7
44	24	Hill & Smith	44	..	3.3	7.5	2.5
150	74	Hill C. Bristol	111	..	9.9	8.9	..
300	71	Hillards	178	−2	6.7	3.8	5.1
92	66	Hoffnung S.	67	..	6.4	9.6	4.9
64	33	Hollas Grp	53	..	6.4	12.1	4.9
74	34	Hollis Bros	60	..	6.7	11.2	5.4
148	70	Holt Lloyd	120	..	8.5	7.1	11.9
123	60	Home Charm	103	..	5.2	5.0	10.7
410	195	Hoover	328	−3	22.8	7.1	12.7
413	195	Do A	323	+3	22.8	7.1	12.7
105	55	Hopkinsons	73	+2	7.1	9.8	4.8
53	26	Horizon Mid	50	..	4.5	8.5	5.3
157	71	Hse of Fraser	121	+1	6.7	5.6	12.1
70	28	Hoveringham	70	..	2.9	4.2	14.1
64	27	Do RV	57	+½	2.9	5.1	11.5
33	11	Howard & Wynd	22	..	..	..	21.9
25	10	Do A	19	..	..	..	11.1
53	23	Howard Mach	29	..	3.4	11.7	20.3
31	17	Howard Tenens	25	+½	2.6	10.3	..
71	39	Howden Grp	57	..	5.6	9.9	15.8
13	9	Hudsons Bay	£10	..	34.7	3.2	21.1
30	16	Hunt Moscrop	24	..	1.1	4.4	2.1
220	76	Hunting Assoc	187	−1	4.5	2.4	8.4
132	63	Huntleigh Grp	89	−1	3.4	3.8	7.1
65	47	Hutch Whamp	54	..	..	..	..

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
384	330	ICL	308	−6	12.3	3.4	3.8
117	75	IDC Grp	113	..	13.6	12.0	14.9
163	74	Ibstock Johns'n	126	..	8.8	7.0	6.7
445	325	Imp Chem Ind	331	+2	25.0	7.6	6.1
120	75	Imp Cold Store	90	−6	7.8	8.9	3.5
89	65	Imperial Grp	72	+½	8.4	11.7	6.6
60	48	Imp Metal Ind	56	..	5.0	8.8	6.8
34	23	Ingall Ind	23	..	2.6	11.7	8.1
39	27	Ingram H.	34	..	4.3	12.5	8.0
74	46	Initial Services	64	..	6.6	10.3	10.8
73	42	Int Paint	65	..	3.6	5.5	5.7
135	70	Int Timber	108	−1	9.9	9.2	8.0
82	47	Inveresk Grp	66	+1	7.4	11.2	11.2
19	6	Itoh BDR	16	..	8.6	13..	..
60	27	JB Hldgs	53	..	1.6	3.2	4.7
26	12	Jacks W.	22	..	1.0	4.5	..
57	37	Jacksons B'End	57	..	..	..	..
13	5	James M. Ind	11	..	0.8	6.5	..
358	140	Jardine M'son	180	+3	6.5	3.4	..
197	98	Jarvis J.	185	..	11.1	7.8	5.5
42	16	Jessups Hldgs	35	..	2.4	6.7	5.2
86	43	Johnson & F B	68	..	7.1	11.5	4.4
82	27	Johnson Grp	80	−1	5.9	7.4	3.4
482	307	Johnson Matt	380	..	20.2	5.3	6.1
88	36	Johnson-Richd	78	−1	2.7	3.4	9.1
90	47	Jones Stroud	84	−1	6.2n	7.5	6.4
44	21	Jourdan T.	37	..	4.0	12.8	4.8
60	27	K Shoes	50	−1	3.4	6.9	4.5

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
136	36	Kelsay Ind	92	..	4.9	5.8	4.3
84	45	Kenning Mtr	68	..	6.3	9.3	4.9
44	21	Kent M. P.	38	..	2.1	5.7	9.7
73	18	Kitchen Taylor	57	−2	..	..	..
105	52	Koda Int	78	+1	7.2	9.3	6.8
34	16	Kwik-Fit Hldgs	33	−1	1.2	3.8	22.7
137	63	Kwik Save Disc	78	−3	3.8	5.1	11.9
96	62	LCP Hldgs	77	..	7.3	9.4	6.8
46	29	LRC Int	38	+½	4.4	11.5	6.8
125	80	LWT Hldg 'A'	115	..	9.4	8.2	7.0
216	89	Ladbroke	165	+4	10.6a	6.4	7.1
50	36	Ladies Pride	47	..	3.3	7.0	4.4
171	70	Laing J.	132	..	5.0	3.8	10.7
170	69	Do A	127	..	5.0	4.0	10.3
97	44	Laird Grp Ltd	74	−1	4.5	6.0	5.0
85	43	Lake & Elliot	48	..	5.3	11.0	10.8
41	31	Lambert H'wth	38	..	4.4	12.1	5.0
78	28	Lane P. Grp	48	+1	4.8	9.9	4.6
131	83	Laporte Ind	83	..	10.2	11.8	5.2
138	84	Latham J.	112	..	10.8	9.4	5.1
126	45	Laurence Scott	110	..	7.6	6.9	6.4
106	53	Lawrence W.	98	..	8.9	10.1	7.3
65	24	Lawtex	60	..	4.4	7.3	4.0
177	128	Lead Industries	134	..	11.2	8.3	5.3
62	36	Le-Bas E.	41	..	2.5	6.1	..
26	15	Lee A.	22	..	2.2	10.0	4.8
138	29	Lee Cooper	108	..	2.5	2.3	4.6
189	83	Leigh Int	164	+1	5.5	3.4	23.3
69	16	Leisure & Gen	69	..	2.0	2.8	16.3
118	69	Leisure C'van	104	+3	6.7	6.5	11.9
45	24	Lennons Grp	28	−1	2.3	8.3	9.1
263	113	Lep Grp	243	..	5.2	2.1	7.3
82	37	Lesney Ord	56	..	4.1	7.1	4.3
128	70	Letraset	99	..	4.6	4.6	8.9
83	39	Lex Services	65	..	5.3	8.1	5.7
29	5	Liberty Ord	£20	..	48.5	2.4	9.4
88	33	Lilley F. J. C.	61	−4	3.8	6.2	6.3
61	30	Lincroft Klig	51	..	5.2	10.3	2.5
151	58	Lindustries	135	+2	13.6	10.1	7.5
107	100	Linfood Hldgs	146	..	13.6	9.3	5.1
39	19	Linread	31	..	3.0	9.8	..
42	23	Lister & Co	40	+1	0.2	0.4	..
79	64	Lloyd F. H.	70	..	7.5	10.7	6.3
16	9	Locker T.	14	..	1.3	8.6	6.5
15	8	Do A	14	..	1.3	8.6	6.5
131	58	Lockwoods Fds	115	..	5.6	4.9	6.2
81	44	Ldn & M'land	78	..	7.2b	9.6	5.7
43	24	Ldn & N'thern	24	−1	3.0b	11.8	4.6
83	39	Ldn Brick Co	62	−1	4.6	7.5	6.9
182	94	Ldn Prov Pmt	182	..	13.6	7.5	8.4
73	31	Longton Trans	53	−1	5.4	10.1	3.1
87	60	Lonrho	69	+1	9.9	14.4	4.1
85	39	Lonsdale Univ	68	..	7.0	10.3	4.9
56	26	Lookers	50	+1	3.7	7.4	2.6
90	44	Lovell Hldgs	77	..	5.8	7.6	3.4
175	130	Low & Bonar	165	..	16.5b	10.0	5.5
337	204	Lucas Ind	243	+3	12.5	5.1	6.0
88	25	Lyon & Lyon	78	..	9.1	11.7	8.4
138	47	Lyons J. Ord	89	..	11.5	12.9	6.9

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
126	38	MFI W'house	115	+1	6.6	5.7	14.6
214	87	MK Electric	139	−1	8.8	6.3	5.9
95	48	ML Hldgs	95	..	6.4	6.8	8.2
65	37	MY Dart	60	−1	3.3	5.5	4.7
263	138	McCorquodale	228	..	21.8	9.5	6.4
48	15	McInerney Prop	43	..	..	..	18.8
19	10	McCleery L'Amie	10	..	..	..	..
49	28	Mackay H.	43	..	4.9	11.4	12.7
94	60	McKechnie Bros	84	..	7.5	8.9	4.7
56	31	McNeill Grp	41	..	..	..	..
68	37	Macpherson D.	55	..	4.0	7.3	5.8
65	17	Madame Tussds	64	..	3.7n	5.8	13.7
50	29	Mallinson Denny	43	..	4.2	9.7	5.1
78	50	Man Agcy Music	71	..	8.5	12.0	5.4
30	15	Manch Garages	23	..	2.3	9.9	5.3
247	177	Man Ship Canal	200	+2	23.6	11.8	10.9
100	14	Mang Bronze	74	..	2.9	3.9	3.2
50	27	Manordale Grp	50	..	6.2	12.4	4.8

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
285	1.5	Akroyd & Sm	216	..	25.4	11.8	2.2
410	340	Assam Trdng 'B'	390	..	3.5	0.9	4.4
31	27	Boustead	29	..	2.3	7.8	8.0
25	6	Brit Arrow	19	..	..	..	..
163	103	Challenge Corp	112	..	6.6	5.9	6.0
66	42	Charterhse Grp	56	−1	5.1	9.1	10.8
37	27	C Fin de Suez	£33	..	..	..	..
348	216	Daily Mail Tst	267	..	18.2	6.8	14.8
345	210	Do A	265	..	19.2	6.9	16.6
243	196	Dalgety	230	..	19.5	8.5	5.0
35	13	Dawnay Day	33	..	1.5	4.6	12.0
23	13	Edin Ind Hldgs	13	..	0.2n	1.1	30.7
113	79	Electra Inv	98	..	6.5	6.7	20.9
27	15	Exploration	25	..	0.8	3.0	10.5
85	27	FC Finance	68	..	2.3	3.3	18.7
31	14	Goode D & M Grp	25	+½	1.2	4.8	..
431	293	Inchcape	360	..	22.7b	6.3	8.3
129	60	Lloyds & Scot	95	−1	6.0	6.3	12.5
18	8	Ldn & Euro Grp	15	..	..	..	..
130	61	M&G Grp (Hldgs)	112	..	5.2	4.7	11.8
54	36	Manson Fin	42	..	4.0	11.7	14.8
78	47	Martin R. P.	61	..	9.1	15.0	9.2
105	40	Prop Inv & Fin	103	..	6.1b	5.9	24.2
119	61	Prov Fin Grp	85	..	6.9	8.2	9.7
120	87	Sime Darby	101	−1	4.3	4.1	9.1
81	57	Smith Bros	54	−1	7.5	13.8	11.4
750	631	Tyndall O'seas	667	..	46.4	6.9	..
35	14	Utd Dom Tst	33	..	..	..	24.1
117	43	Wagon Fin	81	..	6.3	7.7	8.5
84	33	Yule Catto	84	+3	2.0	2.4	15.8

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
131	65	Bowring	101	−1	4.2	4.1	..
58	39	Brentnall Beard	42	..	1.9	4.6	12.9
184	112	Britannic	148	..	12.5	8.5	..
172	103	Com Union	141	..	11.6	8.2	..
180	107	Eagle Star	133	..	9.3	7.0	..
184	114	Equity & Law	166	..	9.4	5.6	..
234	161	Gen Accident	208	−2	12.3	5.9	..
294	176	Guardian Royal	216	−4	14.5	6.7	..
300	185	Hambro Life	265	..	24.1	9.1	..
270	136	Heath C. E.	260	..	7.5	2.9	12.0
201	125	Hogg Robinson	170	..	9.0	5.3	9.5
201	127	Howden A.	156	..	5.6	3.6	9.6
184	108	Legal & Gen	150	..	8.0	5.4	..
117	60	Leslie & Godwin	92	−1	6.4	7.0	10.4
150	90	London & Man	122	..	8.2	6.7	..
180	87	Ldn Utd Inv	135	..	5.8	4.3	11.3
280	157	Matthews W'son	203	−3	13.9	6.9	9.1
193	100	Minet Hldgs	170	−1	4.9	2.9	14.1
79	43	Moran C.	58	..	5.0n	8.6	6.4
292	182	Pearl	228	..	17.3	7.6	..
322	188	Phoenix	240	+4	14.9	6.2	..
180	100	Prov Life 'A'	123	..	11.8	9.3	..
130	100	Do A Br	123	..	11.8	9.6	..
130	100	Do B	123	..	11.8	9.6	..
130	100	Do B Br	123	..	11.8	9.6	..
180	116	Prudential	142	−1	9.6	6.7	..
152	94	Refuge	126	..	10.5	8.3	..
490	230	Royal	362	+7	24.9	6.9	..
396	224	Sedg. Forbes	340	..	14.5	4.3	10.9
111	69	Stenhouse	95	..	6.1	6.5	7.1
662	365	Sun Alliance	512	−3	30.5	6.0	..
117	65	Sun Life	93	..	4.7	5.1	..
175	112	Trade Indem'ty	165	..	12.0	7.3	..
310	193	Willis Faber	270	+2	11.9	4.4	12.9

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
143	104	Aberdeen Trst	119	..	7.1	5.9	23.1
224	166	Alliance Trust	194	..	9.6n	4.9	26.6
49	31	Amer Trust	38	..	1.8b	4.8	34.8
100	78	Ang-Amer Secs	84	..	4.6	5.4	25.6
62	33	Anglo Int Inv	45	+½	4.9	10.8	13.6
187	87	Do Ass	105	..	..	..	..
44	31	Anglo Scot	36	..	2.4	6.6	22.7
125	92	Ashdown Inv	107	−1	6.1	5.7	25.5
59	35	ABC Regional	53	..	0.5	1.4	54.1
90	49	Atlantic Assets	70	+½	0.6	0.9	..
62	40	Atlas Electric	52	−½	2.4	4.7	31.0
61	39	Bankers Inv	49	−½	3.5b	7.2	20.0
58	40	Berry Trust	46	..	1.3	2.9	50.5
266	200	Border & Sthrn	240	−3	11.4	4.7	29.5
41	30	Brit Am & Gen	35	..	2.5	7.0	20.8
71	48	Brit Assets Tst	61	..	3.3	5.4	26.3
12	7	Brit Emp Sec	9	..	0.9	9.3	13.9
168	116	Brit Invest	141	..	6.8	4.8	33.3
140	105	Broadstone	129	..	7.8	6.2	23.2
98	63	Brunner	79	..	5.4	6.8	22.2
78	43	Brycourt Inv	68	..	3.3	4.8	21.5
66	43	CLRP Inv	56	..	2.9	5.1	22.6
290	187	Caledonia Inv	214	..	12.8	6.0	23.6
79	56	Caledonian Tst	59	+½	2.6	4.5	38.9
69	52	Do B	62	..	..	..	..
124	91	Capital & Natl	105	..	6.8	6.5	..
117	84	Do B	104	..	..	..	..
107	73	Cardinal 'Dfd'	89	−1	5.9	6.6	..
112	85	Carliol Inv	95	..	5.8	6.1	22.7
67	46	Cedar Inv	57	..	3.8	6.6	21.6
59	40	Charter Trust	47	..	3.3	6.9	21.2
69	54	Clydesdale Inv	59	+½	2.7	4.6	37.8
68	49	Do B	57	..	..	..	..
11	8	Common Mkt	£11	..	20.5g	1.8	..
209	123	Cont & Ind	161	..	9.1	5.6	27.7
129	102	Crescent Japan	123	−1	..	..	..
82	48	Crossfriars	70	−1	5.2	7.4	20.3
29	14	Cumulus	26	..	1.2	4.7	32.5
100	80	Delta Inv	87	..	..	..	..
210	132	Derby Tst 'Inc'	208	..	20.4	9.8	17.9
170	86	Do Cap	140	..	..	..	..
135	100	Drayton Com	106	..	6.8	6.4	30.6
145	115	Drayton Cons	123	..	7.1	5.8	23.2
196	130	Do Premier	155	−1	10.2	6.5	23.5
65	40	Dundee & Ldn	56	..	3.5	6.2	23.6
168	115	Edin & Dundee	168	..	5.3b	3.2	..
96	65	Edin Amer Ass	87	..	1.7	1.9	85.1
222	164	Edinburgh Inv	196	..	9.6b	4.9	34.0
73	50	Elec & Gen	61	−½	2.2b	3.6	38.2
92	69	Eng & Int	76	..	5.3	6.9	20.6
78	54	Eng & N York	64	..	3.9	6.2	23.7
283	171	Estate Duties	260	..	11.2	4.3	30.8
98	69	First Scot Am	77	..	4.3	5.6	25.9
153	117	Foreign & Colnl	130	−1	5.7	4.4	34.4
131	88	Gt Japan Inv	102	..	2.3	2.2	49.3
149	100	Gen Funds 'Ord'	125	−1	7.1	5.7	26.1
118	78	Do Conv	98	..	..	..	..
106	74	Gen Inv & Tsts	90	..	5.2	5.7	26.3
84	65	Gen Scottish	74	−1	4.6	6.2	24.6
87	61	Glendevon	73	−1	2.6	3.6	51.4
123	71	Globe Trust	97	−½	6.2b	6.4	21.7
78	48	Grange Trust	67	..	3.2	4.7	29.6
110	75	Great Northern	91	..	5.9	6.4	23.0
86	61	Greenfriar	67	−1	2.2	3.3	37.0
52	27	Gresham Hse	51	..	4.6	8.9	12.1
84	57	Guardian	70	−½	3.6	5.1	29.3
94	61	Hambros	79	..	5.1	6.4	22.4
31	12	Harcros	21	..	1.0	4.6	36.2
196	122	Hill P. Inv	161	..	10.8	6.7	22.9
79	42	Hume Hldgs A	71	−1	6.4	9.0	15.0
53	36	Indus & General	42	−½	2.2	5.1	27.8
76	53	Internat Inv	66	−1	4.0	6.0	22.0
122	89	Invest in Suc	107	..	4.4	4.1	34.7
206	162	Inv Tst Corp	175	..	9.3	5.3	26.3
75	56	Inv Cap Trst	63	−½	2.5	3.9	35.1
129	105	Jardine Japan	107	..	1.1	1.0	..
143	103	Jersey Ext	122	+8	..	..	..
90	66	Lake View Inv	79	−½	3.3	4.4	31.9
101	68	Law Deb Corp	90	..	6.8	7.6	15.8
111	84	Ldn & Holyrood	95	−1	5.0	5.3	29.5
181	130	Ldn & Montrose	156	..	8.3	5.3	28.9
109	84	Ldn & Prov Tst	93	−½	4.7	5.1	30.0
96	34	Ldn Merch Sec	74	..	2.1	2.8	..
94	31	Do Cap	71	−½	..	..	..
77	44	Ldn Pru Invest	65	..	4.2b	6.4	27.3
193	125	Ldn Trust	174	−1	12.1b	7.0	22.7
39	36	Mercantile Inv	33	..	1.5	4.7	34.0
72	55	Merchants Trust	62	..	3.9b	6.3	27.2
50	40	Monks Inv	41	−½	2.1	5.2	29.1
85	47	Moorgate Inv	78	..	4.6	5.9	24.1
24	11	New Throg 'Inc'	18	..	2.3b	12.8	13.7
123	24	Do Cap	71	−2	..	..	..
94	74	North Atlantic	79	..	4.1	5.1	27.6
100	71	Northern Amer	81	..	4.3	5.3	28.5
101	64	Northern Sec	95	−½	5.0b	5.2	22.3
66	48	Oil & Associated	52	..	3.0	5.7	25.2
118	88	Pentland	101	−1	6.1a	6.1	24.6
73	60	Progressive Sec	68	..	4.0	5.9	25.0
123	93	Raeburn	103	..	5.6	5.3	25.0
177	108	River & Merc	149	−2	12.2	8.3	16.8
144	85	River Plate	126	..	9.5	7.5	..
89	69	Romney Trust	74	+½	4.0	5.4	25.7
187	104	Rothschild	161	..	8.5	5.3	34.4
71	44	Safeguard	67	..	5.5	8.1	17.9
88	57	Scot Amer	76	..	3.5	5.0	..
61	39	Scot&Cont'Inv	41	−½	1.6	3.9	48.0

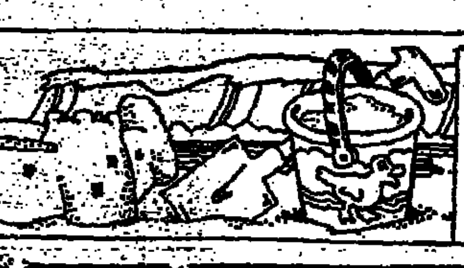
OIL

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
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130	47	Attock	112	..	..	..	..
194	128	Brit Borneo	140	..	..	..	..
960	720	BP	774	+4	..	..	..
83	41	Burmah Oil	45	+1	..	..	..
69	44	Century Oils	50	..	..	..	..
34	18	Charterhall	29	..	..	..	..
18	12	C F Petroles	£15	..	..	..	..
44	24	KCA Int	29	..	..	..	..
195	134	Lasmo	134	..	..	..	..
415	265	Do Ops	284	−3	..	..	..
108	84	Do 14% Ln	£101	..	..	..	..
322	77	Oil Exploration	196	..	..	..	..
23	8	Premier Cons	13	..	..	..	..
23	14	Ranger Oil	£16	..	..	..	..
3	1	Reynolds Div	1	..	..	..	..
50	35	Royal Dutch	£40	..	..	..	..
632	456	Shell Trans	490	+3	..	..	..
202	104	Tricentrol	133	+3	..	..	..
268	124	Ultramar	185	+3	..	..	..
156	84	Do 7% Cnv	121	..	..	..	..

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge
60	29	Allied Ldn	47	..
230	127	Allnatt Ldn	205	..
242	114	Apex Props	215	..
18	11	Aquis Secs	16	..
95	51	Beaumont Prop	79	..
57	23	Bellway Hldgs	57	+2
127	59	Berkeley Hmbro	98	−1
186	130	Bilton Percy	169	..
183	116	Do Accum	159	..
234	115	Bradford Prop	221	−3
47	22	British Land	37	+1
116	36	Brixton Estate	95	+1
51	10	Cap & Counties	47	..
320	141	Chesterfield	290	−5
14	6	Chown Secs	10	..
270	145	Churchbury Est	250	..
64	37	City Offices	52	..
172	114	Corn Exchange	164	..
27	17	Country & New T	23	..
91	35	County & Dist	76	..
72	32	Dorian Hldgs	66	..
51	34	Eng Prop	34	..
20	11	Estates & Gen	18	..
90	35	Estates Prop	83	..
100	32	Evans of Leeds	94	..
330	200	Gt Portland	286	..
87	53	Guildhall	73	..
585	310	Hammerson 'A'	540	..
260	152	Haslemere Ests	223	−1
231	142	Land Secs	203	..
56	33	Law Land	43	..
93	48	Ldn & Prov Sh	79	..
74	40	Ldn Shop	57	..
132	69	Lynton Hldgs	116	..
134	46	MEPC	114	..
190	68	McKay Secs	185	..
28	8	Marler Estates	21	..
38	15	Midhurst Whites	35	+1
129	46	Mucklow A & J.	107	..
163	108	Municipal	163	..
83	28	Peachey Prop	70	−1
315	180	Prop & Rever	290	−5
315	178	Do A	285	−5
347	216	Prop Hldgs	312	..
156	44	Prop Sec	127	..
6	3	Raglan Prop	4	..
87	31	Regional	85	..
77	39	Do A	67	..
113	29	Rush & Tompkins	93	..
115	59	Scot Met Props	101	+1
129	77	Slough Ests	110	−1
268	158	Stock Conv	232	..
226	90	Sunley B.	198	..
17	5	Town & City	12	..
67	41	Trafford Park	57	..
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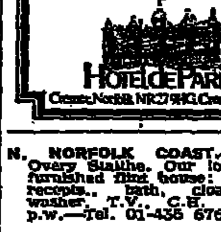
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Weekend SHOPAROUND Sheila Black

■ Just over a month ago, I found myself the delighted but bewildered owner of boxes and boxes of carbonless paper, sent me to try after something I had written on this page. It could not have come at a better time since I was committed to producing words, words, words for a couple of book projects. The days of the week being fully occupied, most of the time I spent at my typewriter (the now-indispensable SCM Coronamatic 2200 of which I also wrote) was during evenings or weekends when it was too tempting to relax or to do something quite different.

Perhaps it sounds almost like nothing to say I covered about a hundred sheets of paper with some 20,000 words but it seemed like a never-ending, backaching task in the apparently too-few hours I had for it. A hundred sheets looks pathetically small when it is done, heart-breakingly little to show for the hours involved. But, to me, the joy of not having to fiddle about with carbons was wonderful. As many readers will recall, I had been trying to buy carbonless paper without too much success; and my initial hunch had been right. It has been worth it. It will always be worth it to me.

I have needed, for half the sheets I produced, to yield four copies—thank goodness the other half was required in duplicate only but, of course, I do have to take my own copy for records. Anyone who uses carbons knows about the game of two or three of those filthy things being threaded amid the white sheets and then parted again only to be rethreaded. It's a bore, it's messy and it's just plain old-fashioned. How all offices do not think seriously about carbonless paper, which seems to be sensible modern technology, I do not know. Or rather, I do. The cost is the initial hurdle.

Naturally, I went into that for myself but, before stating my own case, let me please say that everybody's case and circumstances alter the sums and it is up to each to make his or her own decision. Mine, to use carbonless paper in future is based on the need for speed, convenience, tidiness (I cannot work in a mess, especially at home) and clarity of presentation as well as just the saving of all that bother. It is also based on the fact that I can afford it and think it worth the extra cost.

If you are using plain, blank sheets, your paper will cost you about 50 per cent more than for similar weight of plain paper. I have not costed the carbons because it is not in my mind to buy them again, just to keep the few I have in stock for some unforeseen occasion. But one would have to buy carbons, of course. Now obviously, the additional cost on 100 sheets, though unsound economics in pure percentage terms, is small in cash terms and I for one am willing to pay it. After all, any fee I charge should be based on covering costs.

Taking it all round, and without allowing anything for the saving in time and temper, I suppose I am paying about 35 to 40 per cent more for the convenience of carbonless paper. Now multiply that saving in time in an office where all the workers are paid for the time they spend on working rather than the work they produce and you are going to get some very useful sums. Difficult, perhaps, to quantify but obvious, surely? Getting more and neater letters, invoices and such out of the staff, seeing them sweeter-tempered, does that not signify? If they merely reach for a pad of invoices, they will invoice rapidly to get the money in. If their coloured sheets are automatic copies in themselves, how much time is saved? And is the saved time not a far better economy than some reams of cheaper paper? There will be those who argue with me but I see the carbonless paper saving costs by the time you have a busy typing office of 30 people, probably long before that.

Now I got some estimates from a local printer who specializes in carbonless paper, and I talked to him about them (Connaught Lithoservices, 129 Munster Road, London SW6). His estimates for printed letterheads on carbonless paper came to 70p more for 250 sheets than I had just paid for buying the same letterhead in ordinary paper. Since I had finally bought 500 sheets, I am still spitting with rage at myself. Such a comparison may be odious because, again, everyone's demand of what is to be printed is different. But it would seem that some of the profit in the printing job tends to subsidize the basic cost of the plain paper. His plain carbonless paper estimates were, as I said, about 50 per cent higher on average than for ordinary but, in some cases, they were only 30 per cent higher.

There is a technique to using these sheets. They are coated on the back, the front or on both, according to whether they are used on top, as middles or on the bottom. One need not buy the costlier, double-coated papers where a one-side coating will do. I find that I can get up to eight clear copies with this paper. Yes, eight, whereas carbons and ordinary paper rarely run to more than four, if that. So the time of typing twice and the cost of photostating is also saved.

One word of warning. Keep the paper in the boxes in which they are bought and which ought to be clearly marked. If not already boxed, put the piles of paper into boxes and mark them yourselves. I have added my own instructions to the sides of the boxes so that I know instantly which are top, middle and bottom sheets and, which way up the paper has to be used. I did make a few mistakes the first time, turning a loose sheet upside down and so losing a copy. Then, for a time, I tested a corner with my thumbnail before beginning to type. Finally, I got my system taped and I'm away. You can choose the colours of the typed copy, just as you can have—say—pink sheets for one of the copies or another. I think it is useful for household correspondence, all of which seems to run into queries these days and so to need copies for constant reference. But that is a personal decision, naturally. It happens to be one I would recommend to anyone who values keeping copies.

There are two types that I have been trying and I am not going to pretend there is sufficient difference between them for me to say you should buy this or that. Write personally to D. G. Booth, Wiggins Teape (Mill Sales) Limited, Idem Division, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG21 2EE (Basingstoke 20262); or to N. A. Wilkins, Nasbua Carbonless. Reed Paper and Board (UK) Limited, Aylesford, Maidstone, Kent ME20 7PA (Maidstone 79481). Each will give you names of nearest suppliers, who will basically be printers able to cope with anything from letterheads to invoices but who will estimate for plain.

Meanwhile, Reed has made a special arrangement with Ryman's branch at 6 Great Portland Street, London, W1, for those who want to see the paper, feel it, talk about it and walk away with it. If there is widespread domestic demand, both companies can make it readily available. If offices are not already investigating it properly rather than on the basis of purchasing orders and the final cash totals, then their managements ought to be asking why. This is a commodity to buy with common sense, the heart, and one's own personal reaction as much as with the wallet.

■ There are so many home-help books about these days that it is often too difficult to make a choice so one walks away bewildered, just as with cookery and gardening books. By and large, the general books are the least help, whetting the appetite for more detailed data on specific subjects. *The Home Book*, published and prepared by the firm that publishes *Good Housekeeping* magazine, is undoubtedly one of the best I have seen for a long time. It does not set out to entertain in the way that Shirley Conran does nor to range over every aspect of home maintenance as some of the larger tomes do. But it is a thoroughly workmanlike, absolutely useful work, comparable to some of the best Readers' Digest publications. There are subjects that need the advice and experience of those who have tried and failed as much as of those who tried and succeeded to the point of becoming experts.

It is the ideal gift to the new householder, male or female, who will welcome the advice and find the illustrations clear and easy to follow. It is built on the data provided by the Good Housekeeping Institute over the years, and kept constantly up to date. Now the institute's staff are benign experts. They are like all of us, ordinary householders with ordinary problems but with the additional advantages of being able to try out almost anything a normal householder would like to be able to try out before making or buying. They do their testing at the institute under normal domestic circumstances—though on a professional basis and a large scale. But they do it sensibly, using things as they would be used in the home and not purely on a test bench or in a laboratory. I have always admired the practical GHI staff because they are as keen to test the function as the safety, the availability and all else. They are working very much on the householder's behalf.

Good Housekeeping magazine, a consistent top-selling monthly magazine which holds its own superbly amid the "horror", "shock" and sexier magazines of the age, reflects the attitude of the GHI. The two bodies work together, the magazine constantly keeping up with new ideas, flying new kites, looking for new horizons and forcing constant refreshment of thought and approach on the institute which is never allowed to get into the kind of rut that some semi-academic bodies fall into. On the other hand, the institute is a proper restraining influence on some of the wilder magazine ideas.

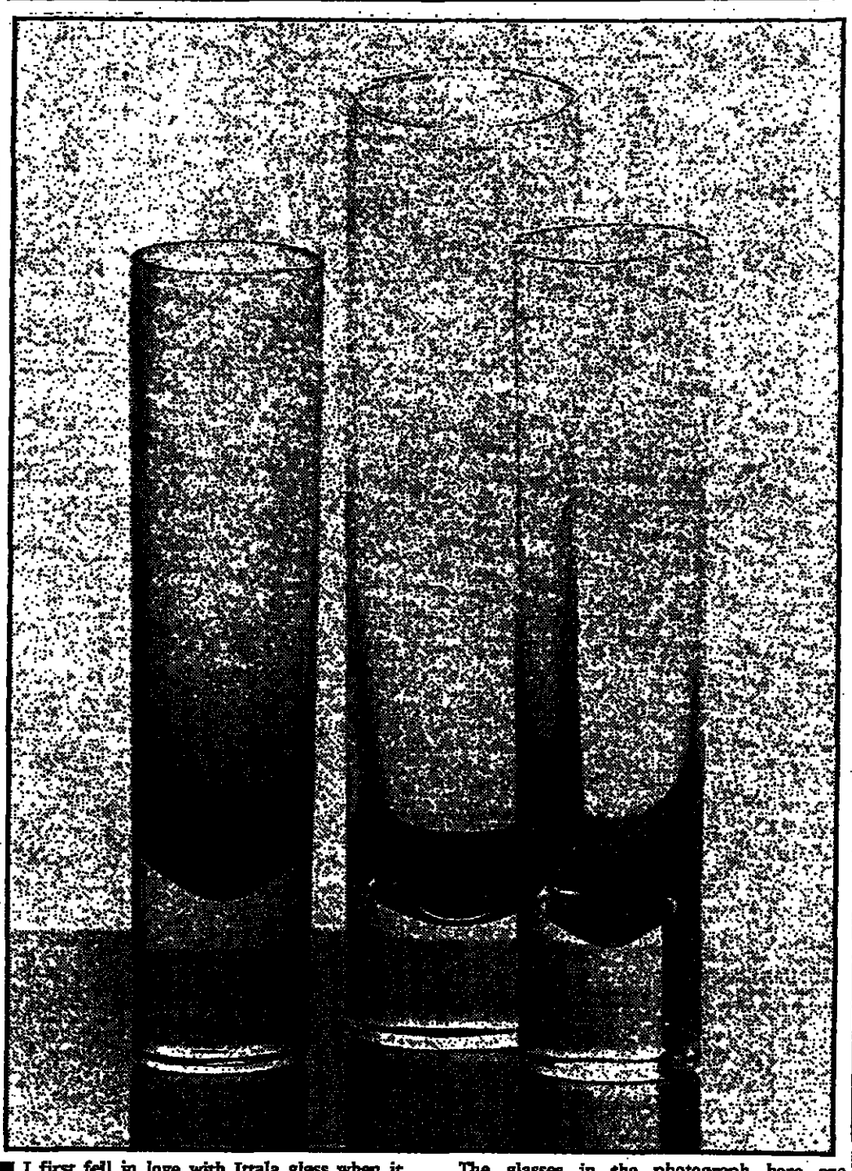
The interaction of the two organizations produces workable results, sensible ideas. *The Home Book* is not above advising on how to get tea stains out of carpets but it also assumes you will want to build a new garden wall some day, or know the pros and cons of natural and synthetic fibres. It hopes that you will not get out the lemon and vinegar automatically for all those things for which Mrs Beeton used them, but that you will not forget how some of these simple remedies are better than strong chemicals.

This is, as I said, a book about maintenance of a home. Of course it is also about building one and converting one to an ideal home as far as the structure and other disciplines allow. You can learn about nails and screws, whether to use round heads or countersunk heads and whether to manage with the one screwdriver you have or maybe buy another.

On insulation, fencing, tackling household pests, choosing kitchen appliances and on mending and making do, it is useful without being folksy. On painting and decorating, the advice may seem obvious but is still new to many. To give some guidance on adhesives is a good idea because there are so many miracle stickers about these days that it becomes difficult to know what to use when. Repairing the gutter, upholstering, woodworking, picture-framing, basic plumbing and electricity, flooring and carpeting are all there, along with safety, home protection and anti-damp or anti-draughts, know-how. In a miscellaneous section, there is guidance on first aid, children, pets, and child illnesses. A special section on [illegible] money and coping with the [illegible] of legal problems that can [illegible] to every householder is [illegible] telligent inclusion. It is [illegible] sarily simple and basic [illegible] book can be all things [illegible] readers and it does [illegible] reader off on the right [illegible] which may well be buyin[illegible] other specialist book o[illegible] money subject. But you [illegible] some knowledge of your [illegible] and daily law, of how [illegible] a credit card or shop for [illegible] gage.

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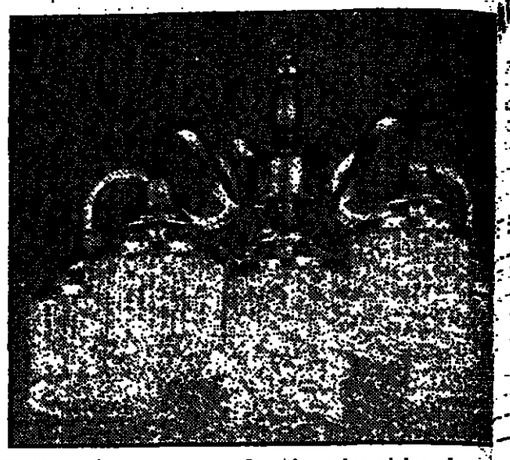
It measures about 10 [illegible] inches to give a good clear [illegible] size for diagrams and tables [illegible] it has 300 pages of info[illegible] with a good index. It is [illegible] value at £6.50 since it is [illegible] much information already [illegible] piled for other purposes [illegible] you can buy it from the [illegible] of your armchair by addi[illegible] to the price and sending [illegible] cheque for £6.75 to Ebury [illegible] Chestergate House, Vi[illegible] Bridge Road, London [illegible] 1HF (01-834 2331).



■ I first fell in love with Ittala glass when it was the first of those frosted, icicle designs which became widely copied by many other glass firms in the years that followed. Ittala blithely continued to make the originals because none of the copies managed to acquire the same frostiness. The tumblers are really quite lovely. The heavy, diamonded base, the frosting leaving clear patches on the side of the glass and the general cool robustness add much to any kind of drink taken from a tumbler. They are not cheap but are tough and versatile, elegant for garden or candlelight. In 6, 6½ or 7 inch heights, in clear or green glass, they cost from about £7.80 to over £11 each. Ask for Reido.

The glasses in the photograph here are superb. The tall, slender, clear cylinder, standing 10 inches by 2½ inches diameter, is perfect for long cool drinks, desserts, knickerbocker glories, sundaes, fruit salads and more drinks. The heavy base makes for a firm stance and the glass looks almost delicate above it. These cost £6.45 each for the clear and £6.85 for the green tint. Smaller sizes are available at £4.90 and £5.75. The name is Suvi.

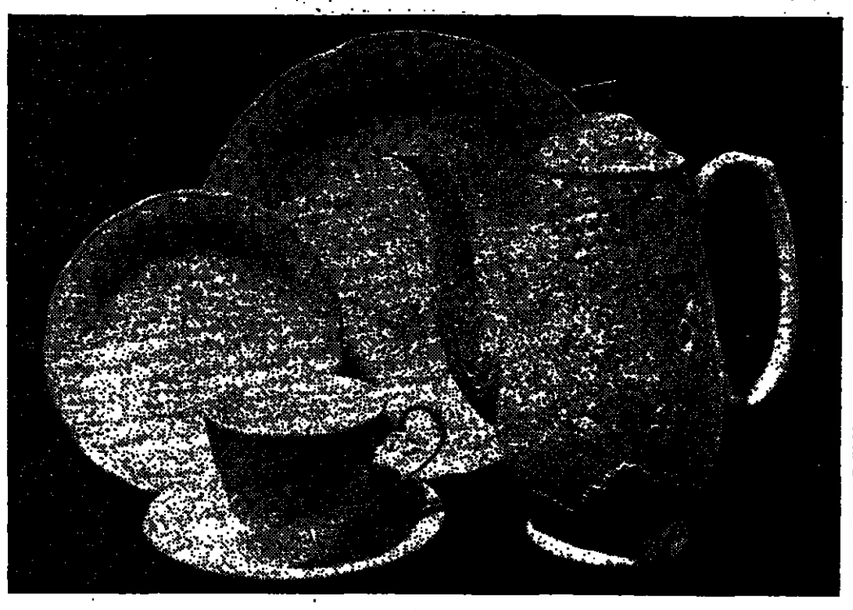
Ittala is at most leading department stores and selected specialist shops, usually well labelled and displayed as so many of the well-designed Finnish goods are. Inquiries to Ittala (UK), PO Box 130, 78 Ashfield, Milton Keynes MK14 6AT.



■ Biarritz is the name of a range of dainty light fittings, made of sparkling glass tubes hung with pretty-pretty droplets which are, to me, more reminiscent of Czechoslovakia than France.

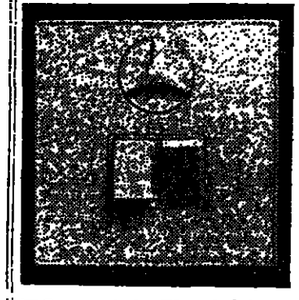
The drops and tubes are Strass crystal, that lovely faceted crystal which turns any chandelier or wall bracket into a light-catching, diamante charmer. The best thing about this particular design is its versatility. The Biarritz adapts to six, five or three-light chandelier fittings with satiny, gilded arms, as well as to single-light pendants, to wall brackets and even to table lamps. It is small but looks imposing giving plenty by mixing old designs techniques. It looks above a bed, near cocktail bar and would into a ship's cabin.

The range is at a [illegible] larger stores around the [illegible] now, or it can be [illegible] London at the trading room at Focus Light Brunswick Centre, WC1 3161), where the public comed and given the stockists, current pric delivery times. As an ex a Biarritz price, the fitting pictured here £116. For six lights Strass crystal, that [illegible] hibitive.



■ I love white embossed china. It is so cool and so dignified, so traditional, and—in the case of Davenport—so dishwashable and detergent-proof, resisting the scum that can build on some embossed patterns. The Burleigh Davenport range is in the General Trading Company, 144 Sloane Street, London, SW1 and at larger emporia like Liberty and similar out-of-London stores. The ten-inch plate is about £1.20 and the eight-inch about 80p. Small plates are 60p, cup and saucer 95p, sugar bowl 88p and a teapot about £3.50. The sugar bowl can be a honeypot with lid, a nice integral part of the set or a gift on its own at £1.50. General Trading will post the china, but write or telephone first for charges (01-730 0411). Inquiries for other stockists to Burgess and Leigh, Middleport Pottery, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.

■ Handi-strip is the thin strip of veneered chipboard which is normally bought by DIY experts to finish their handiwork with Handi-board and Handi-plank chipboard. Now, it seems, crafty people are "weaving" the strips together with coloured yarns, natural string or a similar binding medium, and making up woven wood pieces to cover patches of wall or shelf, boxes, storage jars, anything. It sounds like a good idea for nimble-fingered children for the Easter holidays, encouraging them to make tidy-containers for those endless bits and pieces from their skateboards or Airfix. It also sounds as if they could have fun with it. It can be ironed on to tough cardboard in good condition so that some quite nice boxes and window boxes might even materialize. The ¾in wide strip costs about 30p for a 6-feet length in teak, mahogany, oak, or pine from most DIY shops and especially from the Fobel shops. Any inquiries to Berman Bros (Panels), Goodwin Road, Edmonton, London, N9.

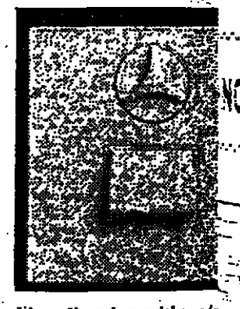


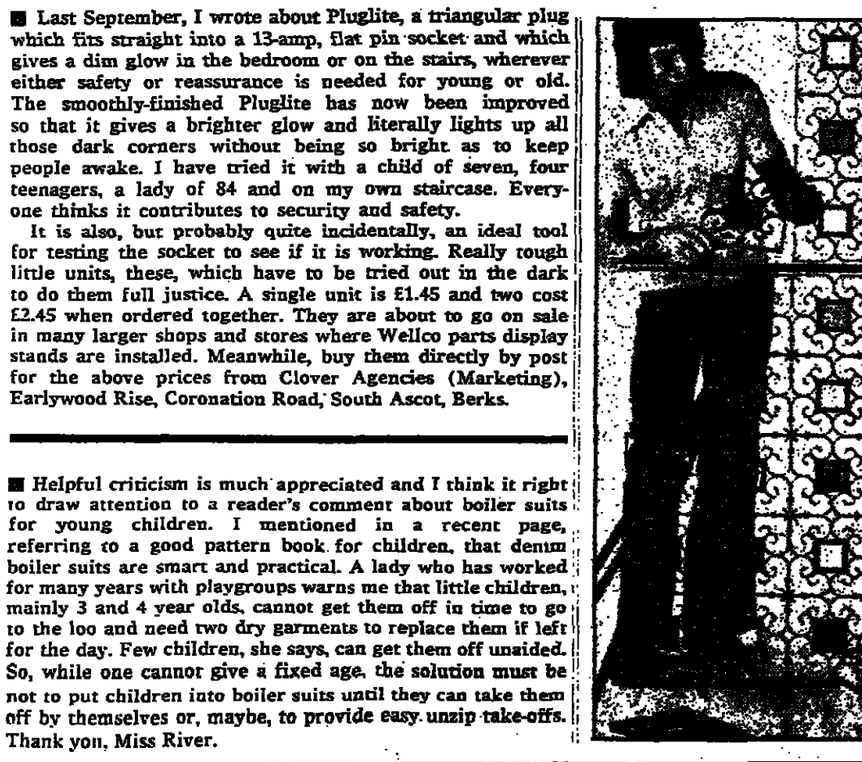
■ Superswitch Electric Appliances, that super maker of smart switches and dimmer switches, has a smart new range, the Windsor. Instead of the former, large dimming rose which is in fact the entire front of the switch unit, there is a flat plate with a much smaller dimming unit and either a single or double switch for two-circuit lighting. The switches are rocker switches.

The idea is a good one as the bigger, older models that combine dimming with on/o[illegible] to encourage lighters-up the light full on when [illegible] necessary. Prices are £5.20 to £7.50 for the switch models in fou[illegible] ratings—160, 250, 400

The double switch units three ratings—400, 630 [illegible] —for about £10.60 to

Widely stocked but a[illegible] quiries to Superswitch Appliances, 7 Trading Blackwater, near Ca[illegible] Surrey GU17 9AH.

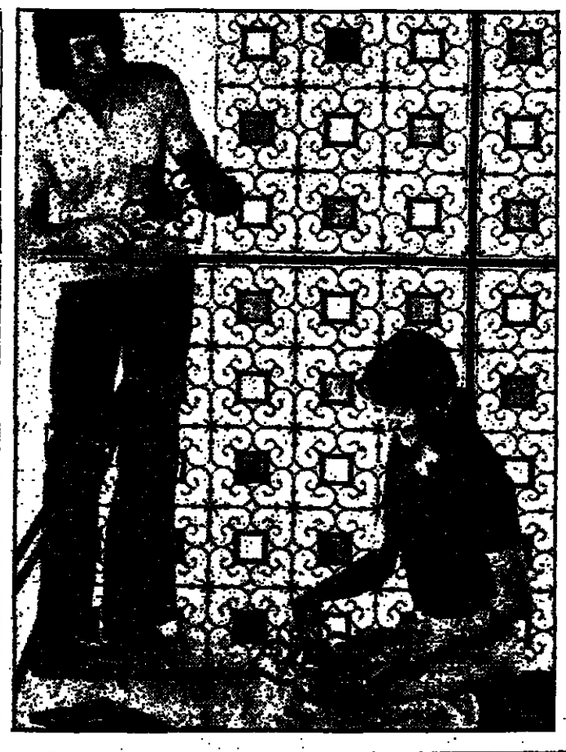




■ Last September, I wrote about Pluglite, a triangular plug which fits straight into a 13-amp, flat pin socket and which gives a dim glow in the bedroom or on the stairs, wherever either safety or reassurance is needed for young or old. The smoothly-finished Pluglite has now been improved so that it gives a brighter glow and literally lights up all those dark corners without being so bright as to keep people awake. I have tried it with a child of seven, four teenagers, a lady of 84 and on my own staircase. Everyone thinks it contributes to security and safety.

It is also, but probably quite incidentally, an ideal tool for testing the socket to see if it is working. Really tough little units, these, which have to be tried out in the dark to do them full justice. A single unit is £1.45 and two cost £2.45 when ordered together. They are about to go on sale in many larger shops and stores where Wellco parts display stands are installed. Meanwhile, buy them directly by post for the above prices from Clover Agencies (Marketing), Earlywood Rise, Coronation Road, South Ascot, Berks.

■ Helpful criticism is much appreciated and I think it right to draw attention to a reader's comment about boiler suits for young children. I mentioned in a recent page, referring to a good pattern book for children, that denim boiler suits are smart and practical. A lady who has worked for many years with playgroups warns me that little children, mainly 3 and 4 year olds, cannot get them off in time to go to the loo and need two dry garments to replace them if left for the day. Few children, she says, can get them off unaided. So, while one cannot give a fixed age, the solution must be not to put children into boiler suits until they can take them off by themselves or, maybe, to provide easy unzip take-offs. Thank you, Miss River.



■ Any wrought-iron trellis ought to be of real wrought iron which, thank goodness, is still made and not difficult to get. But it is expensive and subject to long, long delays. Wrought iron has other problems since it needs painting and maintenance, is far too heavy for a number of situations and is not entirely suited to the DIY man or woman in a hurry for a bit of Mediterranean effect.

The plastic trellis tiles made under the name of Hyware are a good product for times when wrought iron would be wrong but when a similar effect is wanted. They are tough, slightly flexible and easy to work with. They weigh very little and do look effective. Set them up for climbing plants, indoors or out, as windbreaks, as frost protectors, as decoration on small patios or balconies. They are pretty, cheap, and sell in kits complete with press-home fixing studs that save a lot of work with a screwdriver.

Each plastic trellis tile is eight inches square and you can set them up to make diamond or square effects. There are 10 tiles in each pack together with clear instructions and the fixing components. They are supplied with little plastic "lights"—squares of amber, bottle green, bottle blue or red as you will—so order the colour when ordering the tiles. I happen to dislike them when fitted with lights but admit not having tried them in various situations. I can imagine they would look fine in some, especially against the sun. The "lights" press into the centre of each tile, but the tiles are complete on their own so decide when your pack arrives. Each pack is £3.96 plus 81p postage (local residents welcome to call). The address is Charles P. Moody, Broadford Mills, Shalford, Guildford, Surrey.



■ Two favourite shops have now started mail order services, having it forced upon them by readers who cannot get to their London shops and who wrote to buy by post. One is Elizabeth David, who always did mail things after long telephone chats with potential customers but had never before prepared a catalogue. Now there is one, clear and concise, with all the details. It is smaller than the Divertimenti catalogue but similar, and costs 50p, including postage, from Elizabeth David, 46 Bourne Street, London SW1. It necessarily leaves out breakables. Shop staff are always ready to help at Elizabeth David (01-730 3123) and to give names of stores where there are Elizabeth David shops in other parts of the country.

Solution, the shop in the City, near the Barbican, that drew readers to it as the only local for those ethnic gift lines that are easy to find in Covent Garden or Chelsea, also has a list now. It is colourfully illustrated and a phone call g[illegible] all the data from the p[illegible] honest family that [illegible] Again, breakable item[illegible] been left out. But there [illegible] innovation which readers [illegible] welcome, namely a disc[illegible] 15 per cent on orders [illegible] £25. The thing to do is [illegible] one scout to recommoit[illegible] report to friends and [illegible] bours so that they can [illegible] joint buying job. I mus[illegible] recommend the bamboo[illegible] ders, bamboo-and-wood [illegible] graters, cane sieves a[illegible] masses of lovely scarce[illegible] not on the leaflet but [illegible] The list sticks to more [illegible] kitchen things but [illegible] peg bags, oven mitts [illegible] thoroughly recommend [illegible] calories plaques (£3), pes[illegible] mortar (from £4.95), [illegible] pins and suchlike. Sol[illegible] at Bassishaw Highwa[illegible] hall Street, London EC2 [illegible] (01-638 2007). Personal[illegible] should take the steps [illegible] to Winchester House, u[illegible] podium level. Nobody [illegible] disappointed.

■ I am happy to say [illegible] window-sill bird feeder [illegible] ing a number of *Times* [illegible] —and presumably their [illegible] happy. This was the c[illegible] bird feeder for those w[illegible] in high-rise flats or wh[illegible] the birds to come close [illegible] invalid's bedside.

The company that m[illegible] this feeder is now sellin[illegible] novel non-occasion g[illegible] cards, all like the one[illegible] here. Five cards, with[illegible] lettering on gold, beige, blue or burnt-orange grounds, cost 40p plus [illegible] They are an amusing i[illegible] people who habitually [illegible] occasions or events. Bu[illegible] directly from King's H[illegible] and may I stress that [illegible] House is the name of th[illegible] pany — Nadderwater, [illegible] EX4 TLD.



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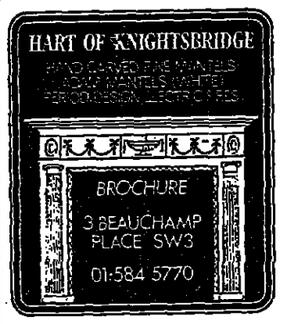
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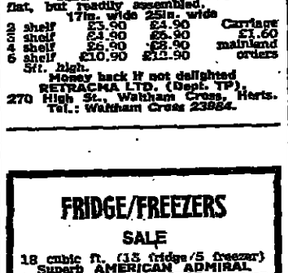
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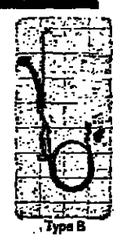
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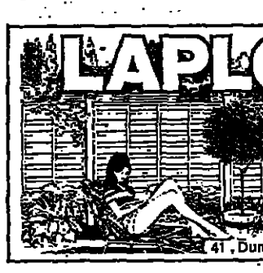


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BIRTHS

BEER.—On 2nd March to Susan (nee Juel-Jensen) and Kenneth at Lerwick—a daughter.
BOSWELL.—On 3rd March, at Horton Hospital, Banbury, to Helen (nee Rees) and Tim—a daughter (Caroline Sarah), sister for Victoria and Emily.
BREED.—On 3rd March, 1978, to Esther and William, of 69 Harrow Rd. S. Australia, 5069, —a second son.
CARTER.—On 2nd March, to Evelyn (nee Palmer) and Anthony at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital—a daughter.
CHEETHAM.—2nd March, Ronkswood Maternity Hospital, Worcester, to Isobel (nee Ashman) and David—a daughter (Catherine Rose Bernera).
DUNLUCE.—On February 24th, to Liza and Alexander—a daughter, at the Westminster Hospital.
HIRST.—On 2nd of March to Diana (nee Yeats) and Andrew—a son (Tom Howard).
LEACH.—On March 2 at Norwich to Sarah (nee Dobson) and Stephen—a daughter (Rebecca).
OLSEN.—On Feb. 27th, at Mount Alvernia, Guildford, to Sally (nee Cheshire) and Tim—a daughter (Katie Louise), a sister for Charles.
REED HERBERT.—On February 13th, to Jane (nee Fogarty) and Anthony—a second daughter.
URQUHART.—On 1st March, at St Teresa's Hospital, Wimbledon, to Annie (nee Griffiths) and Peter—a daughter.
WILSON-CLARKE.—On 3rd March to Tanda and Chris—a daughter (Georgia).

BIRTHDAYS

JONES.—Congratulations Christopher Glyn on your 21st birthday tomorrow.—Love from the family.
TO GILL.—Top paper, top day, top girl.—Luke.

MARRIAGES

CRAVEN : LOWNDES.—On March 2nd, 1978, in Adelaide, South Australia, Bruce Craven to Rachel, second daughter of the Reverend W. E. C. and Mrs. Lowndes.

DEATHS

AGIUS, DOM AMBROSE, of Ealing Abbey on 3rd March, 1978, aged 87 years. Requiem mass at Ealing Abbey, Friday, 10th March, at 3.30 p.m. R.I.P.
ALSTON.—On March 1st, at St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford, Tony Alston, F.R.G.S., younger son of Audrey and the late Mac Alston, of Little Shoelands, Grayswood, Haslemere. No flowers, but donations to Cancer Research. Funeral private.
BOWEN.—On 2nd March, at a Gloucestershire nursing home, Muriel, Ethelwyn Bowen (nee Thomson), of Monkton Old Hall, Pembroke, widow of Air Commodore J. B. Bowen, C.B.E., J.P. Cremation, Gloucester Crematorium, Tues., 7th March, at 11.00 a.m.
CAMERON OF LOCHIEL.—On 3rd March, peacefully, in Glasgow, Hermione, widow of Sir Donald Walter Cameron of Lochiel, K.T., in her 97th year, greatly beloved by her children, grand-children and great grand-children. Funeral on Monday, March 6th, at 2.30 p.m. at St Andrew's Church, Fort William, and afterwards at Achnacarry.
CRAWFORD.—On 1st March, 1978, at Cuckfield Hospital, Doris, widow of General Sir Kenneth Noel Crawford and much-loved mother and grandmother. Funeral at All Saints' Church, Lindfield, on Wednesday, 8th March, 1978, at 12 noon, followed by cremation. Enquiries and flowers to Masters and Son, Lindfield 2107.
DAVIES.—On March 1st, suddenly, Cecil Whitfield, D.Sc., F.R.I.C., Emeritus Professor of Chemistry, University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, and Senior Research Fellow in the University of Surrey, Honorary Secretary of the Chemical Society 1936-1944. Beloved husband of Enid and dear father of Ann, Judy and John. Cremation private, family flowers only.
DIAMOND.—On March 1st, 1978, Abraham (Arthur) Sigismund, of 9 Bracknell Gardens, NW3, and Ripe, Sussex, formerly a Master of the Supreme Court, aged 80, after a short illness. A funeral service will be held at the West London Synagogue, Upper Berkeley St., W1, at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, March 5th, and thence to Golders Green Jewish Cemetery, Hoop Lane, NW11, for the interment. A memorial service will be announced later.
DODSON.—On 3rd March, 1978, at her home, 62 Princes Court, London, S.W.3, Gwendoline May Vivian Dodson ("Doddie"). Funeral at 3 p.m., on Tuesday, 7th March, at Golders Green Crematorium. Flowers to J. H. Kenyon Ltd., 138 Freston Road, London, W.10.
ELLENBERGER.—On March 3rd, 1978, peacefully, Sylvia, widow of Brigadier C. F. Ellenberger, much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral private. Memorial service to be arranged.
ELLIS.—On March 3rd, 1978, peacefully at Old Buckhurst, Major William Felton Ellis, beloved father, grandpa and brother. Funeral service at Eridge Church, on Wednesday, 8th March, at 12 noon. Cut flowers only please. Enquiries to Paul Bysouth, Funeral Directors. Tel. Crowborough 5000.
FARRELL.—On March 1st, suddenly at Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Eileen Margaret Farrell, late of 18 Parsons Mead, Norwich. Will be sadly missed by all her relatives and friends in Norwich and around the world. Private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations for Save the Children Fund may be sent to Peter Taylor, Funeral Services, 133 Unthank Rd., Norwich. Memorial service at Princes St. United Reformed Church, Norwich, on Wednesday, March 15th, at 2.30 p.m.
FOWLE.—On March 2nd, 1978, Brigadier John Le Clerc Fowle, C.B., C.I.E. (Chink): very much loved. Funeral Tuesday, 7th March, 4 p.m., Ruislip Crematorium. Please, no flowers.
GALLOWAY.—On March 1, suddenly, at her home on the Isle of Wight, Jessie Stanley (Jess). Private cremation. No flowers, by request.
GARRAD.—On March 2nd, 1978, at his home, Brook House, Bures, Suffolk, aged 93, George Henry Garrad, O.B.E., formerly Agricultural Adviser for the county of Kent. Funeral at Bures Church at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8th. Family flowers only, but donations, please, to Bures Church.
GOTT.—On March 2nd, at the Lambert Memorial Hospital, Thirsk, John Archibald, aged 78 years, beloved husband of Evelyn, father of Anne and Caroline and grandfather of Sarah and Tessa. Funeral at St. Mary's Church, Leake, on Monday, 6th March, at 2 p.m., followed by cremation at Darlington West Cemetery. Family flowers only, and donations to the Lambert Memorial Hospital, please.
GRAVES.—On February 28th, at the Middlesex Hospital, London, W.1, Elsa, of 2a Duke Street, London, W.1. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium, on Tuesday, March 7th, at 2.30 p.m. (East Chapel). Flowers and enquiries to Ronald P. Sherry & Son, 80 Park Road, N.W.1. Telephone 01-723 0425.
JARMAN, ADELA FERGUSON.—Peacefully on 1st March, 1978, at Ivy Cottage, Manningtree, Essex. Funeral Bradfield Church, near Manningtree, Wednesday, 8th March, at noon.
KENT.—On Friday, 3rd March, Lady Kent, peacefully in Lausanne. Beloved mother of Patricia. Funeral Lausanne, Monday, 6th March.
KIDSTON.—On 3rd March at Glanwye, Builth Wells, Powys, Archibald Martin Glen. Funeral at St. Peters, Glasbury, Tuesday, 7th March, at 3.30 p.m. Flowers to Glasbury Church, near Talgarth.
LANGHAM.—On March 1st, 1978, peacefully at 116 Cheltenham Rd., Evesham, Worcs, Captain Guy Langham, O.B.E., R.N. (Retd.), aged 84. Funeral service at St. Andrews Church, Evesham, on Monday, March 6th at 2.30 p.m., followed by private cremation. No flowers, please.
MARSHALL.—On 28th February, Leslie Phillips Marshall, M.D., M.C., T.D., of Blagdon Hill, Taunton, aged 84, greatly loved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. Thanksgiving service Taunton School Chapel on Thursday, 9th March, at 3.30 p.m. after private cremation. No flowers, please.
MITCHELL.—On Feb. 28th, peacefully, in her sleep, Annie Louise Mitchell, dearly beloved mother of Doris, Bob and Fred C., and adored grandmother of Christine, Janet, John, Peter, Pam, Ray, Colin and Andrew, aged 96 years. Interment at Morden Cemetery, Lower Morden Lane, Morden, Surrey, on Tues., 7th March, at 3.30 p.m. Flowers to E. Larner & Son, 117 Falcon Rd., S.W.11. Tel. 223 5432.
OLDHAM.—On 1st March, 1978, at 33 South Park Road, London, S.W.19, peacefully after a short illness, the Reverend John Edward Oldham, aged 93 years. Funeral at Headley Parish Church, Bordon, Hants, on Thursday, 9th March, at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only.
PURCELL-GILPIN.—On 28th of Feb., 1978, in hospital in Salisbury, Rhodesia, Walter Valentine in his 91st year, loved husband and father of Geoffrey and of the late Walter and Peter.
SCOTT, PAUL, peacefully on 1st March, 1978. Beloved husband of Penny, father of Carol and Sally and brother of Peter. Funeral private. No flowers, but donations to Cancer Research.
SINCLAIR.—On 23 February, Marjorie, widow of Maynard, Sometime Minister of Finance, Northern Ireland.
SMITH.—On March 2nd, 1978, at Newbury Hospital in his 76th year, Douglas J. D. Smith (M.A. Cantab.), of Stroud Cottage, Greenham Road, Newbury, Berks. Formerly of K.E.S. Birmingham Heath School, Halifax, and K.E.S. Stafford. Dearly loved husband of Mary and father of John and Helen. Funeral service at St. Mary's, Shaw-cum-Donnington, Newbury, on Wednesday, March 8th, at 2.30 p.m., followed by cremation. Family flowers only. Donations to Christian Aid if wished, c/o Camp Hopson, Funeral Directors, Newbury.
WALLER.—On 1st March, 1978, peacefully, at her home, after a short illness, Ethel Gertrude, in her 91st year. Daughter of John Tippett Drake and widow of Second Lieutenant Richard Alured Waller. Funeral at All Saints Church, Crawley Down, Sussex, on Wednesday, 8th March, at 12 midday.
WHITMAN, Brigadier B. E. (late R.E.) at The Manor, Clyst Hydon, Cullompton, Devon, on the 26th of February, 1978.
WILLS.—On 28th February, Arnold Cass Lycett (Toby), of Thornby Hall, Northampton, elder son of the late Captain and Mrs. Arnold Wills. Funeral private.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BANKS.—A service of thanksgiving for the life of Henry Richard Banks will be held at St. Michael's Church, Chester Square, London, S.W.1, Tuesday, March 7, at 12.15.

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PARKIN.—In happy and ever-loving memory of my father, John Parkin, M.C., O.B.E., and of my much loved mother, Marguerite Parkin, 4th March, 1958 and 16th June 1969.—Colette.
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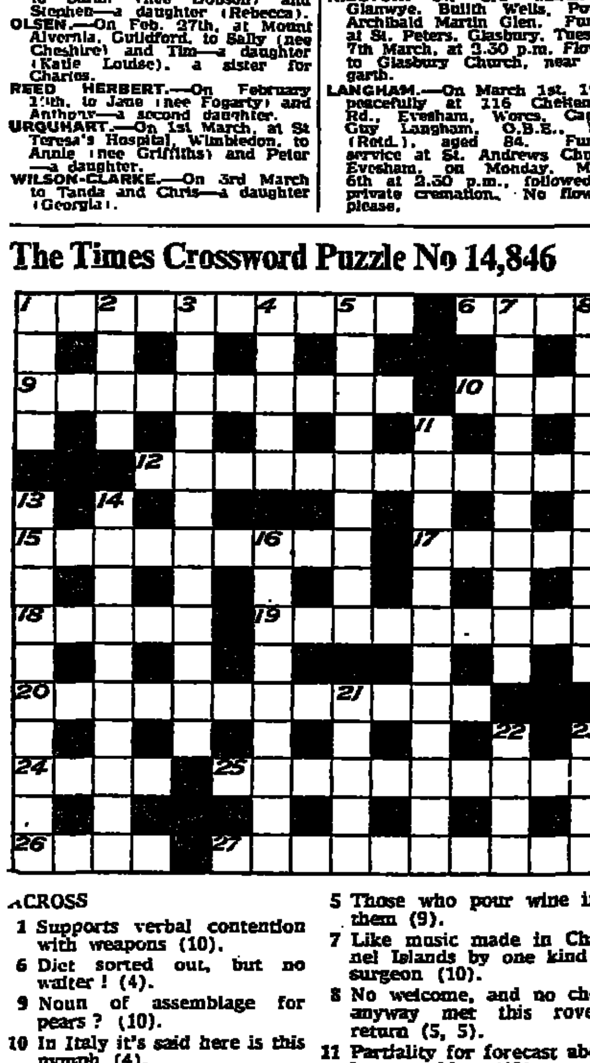
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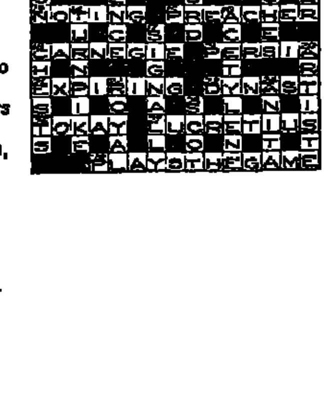
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ACROSS
1 Supports verbal contention with weapons (10).
6 Diet sorted out, but no waiter! (4).
9 Noun of assemblage for pears? (10).
10 In Italy it's said here is this nymph (4).
12 Time for historical county part singers? (3, 9).
15 Print too many notes about [illegible] (4-5).
17 One kind gives to his group through the bank (5).
18 Well-known strike ultimatum by haymakers? (5).
19 Offend by making deal with spies (9).
20 Miscellaneous direction about part of speech—to make it sound wrong? (12).
24 Birds in bed would appear dazed (4).
25 Mounting campaign for increased production (8, 2).
26 Heaved over Hood's bridge (4).
27 As to Saturn, perhaps they'll make it some day (10).

DOWN
1 Brook's silent order (4).
2 Sweet to some, if not to Jones Minor (4).
3 Enchanting U.S. orators (12).
4 Native charm of decoration, ah! (5).
5 Those who pour wine into them (9).
7 Like music made in Channel Islands by one kind of surgeon (10).
8 No welcome, and no cheer anyway met this rover's return (5, 5).
11 Partiality for forecast about lone outsiders (12).
13 Used in response to advertisers items on TV? (3, 7).
14 Take 'is town, said Lee's enemies to Gen. Meade in 1863? (10).
16 Marginalia I mark off in the ship (4-5).
21 The story of the brain (5).
22 Old secret police need red leader to smash group (4).
23 "With a cargo of ivory, And —— and peacocks" (Masefield) (4).

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